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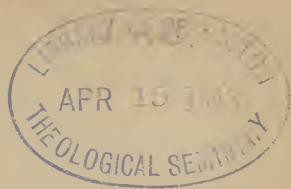
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THE PSALMS.

BOOK I.

- 1 ¹ BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel ¹ Or, *Happy*
of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD ;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of
water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither ;
And ² whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The wicked are not so ;
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgement,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous :
But the way of the wicked shall perish.
- 2 Why do the nations ³ rage,
And the peoples ⁴ imagine a vain thing ?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh :
The Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,

² Or, *in
whatsoever he
doeth he shall
prosper*

³ Or, *tu-
multuously
assemble*

⁴ Or, *meditate*

¹ Or, troubleAnd ¹ vex them in his sore displeasure :

Yet I have set my king

Upon my holy hill of Zion.

6

I will tell of the decree :

7

The LORD said unto me, Thou art my son ;

This day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for thine ⁸ inheritance,

And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ;

9

Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Now therefore be wise, O ye kings :

10

Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,

11

And rejoice with trembling.

² Some ancient versions render, *Lay hold of (or, Receive) instruction* others, *Worship in purity.*² Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the ¹² way,For his wrath ³ will soon be kindled.⁴ Blessed are all they that ⁵ put their trust in him.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

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³ Or, may⁴ Or, Happy⁵ Or, take refuge

LORD, how are mine adversaries increased !

1

Many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say ⁶ of my soul,

2

There is no ⁷ help for him in God.

[Selah]

But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me ;

3

My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

I cry unto the LORD with my voice,

4

And he answereth me out of his holy hill.

[Selah]

I laid me down and slept ;

5

I awaked ; for the LORD sustaineth me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people,

6

That have set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O LORD ; save me, O my God :

7

For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone ;

Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Or, Victory⁸ Salvation belongeth unto the LORD :

8

Thy blessing be upon thy people.

[Selah]

4 For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.
A Psalm of David.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness ;
Thou hast set me at large *when I was* in distress :
¹ Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. ¹ Or, *Be gracious unto me*
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned
into dishonour ?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood ? [Selah]
- 3 But know that the LORD hath set apart ² him that is
godly for himself : ² Or, *one that he favoureth*
The LORD will hear when I call unto him.
- 4 ³ Stand in awe, and sin not : ³ Or, *Be ye angry*
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be
still. [Selah]
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many there be that say, Who will shew us *any* good ?
LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than *they have* when their corn and their wine
are increased.
- 8 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep :
For thou, LORD, ⁴ alone makest me dwell in safety. ⁴ Or, *in solitude*

5 For the Chief Musician ; with the ⁵ Nehiloth.
A Psalm of David. ⁵ Or, *wind instruments*

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.
- 2 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my
God :
For unto thee do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice ;
In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee, and
will keep watch.
- 4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness :
⁶ Evil shall not sojourn with thee. ⁶ Or, *The evil man*
- 5 ⁷ The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight :
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity. ⁷ Or, *Fools*

Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies : 6
 The LORD abhorreth the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
 But as for me, in the multitude of thy lovingkindness 7
 will I come into thy house :

In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of 8

¹ mine enemies ;

Make thy way plain before my face.

For there is no ² faithfulness in their mouth ; 9

Their inward part is ³ very wickedness :

Their throat is an open sepulchre ;

They ⁴ flatter with their tongue.

Hold them guilty, O God ; 10

Let them fall ⁵ by their own counsels :

Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions ;

For they have rebelled against thee.

⁶ But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice, 11

Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them :

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou wilt bless the righteous ; 12

O LORD, thou wilt compass him with favour as with a shield.

⁷ Or,
the eighth

For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments, set to ⁷ the 6
 Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, 1

Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD ; for I am withered away : 2

O LORD, heal me ; for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore vexed : 3

And thou, O LORD, how long ?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul : 4

Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee : 5

In ⁸ Sheol who shall give thee thanks ?

I am weary with my groaning ; 6

Every night make I my bed to swim ;

I water my couch with my tears.

⁸ See Gen.
xxxvii. 35.

- 7 Mine eye wasteth away because of grief;
It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication;
The LORD will receive my prayer.
- 10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore vexed:
They shall turn back, they shall be ashamed suddenly.
- 7** Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning
the words of Cush a Benjamite.
- 1 O LORD my God, in thee do I ¹ put my trust: ¹ Or, take
refuge
Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me:
- 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
- 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace
with me;
(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause was
mine adversary:)
- 5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;
Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger,
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine adversaries:
And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgement.
- 7 ² And let the congregation of the peoples compass thee ² Or, So shall
about:
And over them return thou on high.
- 8 The LORD ministereth judgement to the peoples:
Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
and to mine integrity ³ that is in me. ³ Or, be it
unto me
- 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
but establish thou the righteous:
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
- 10 My shield is with God,
Which saveth the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,
Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.

¹ Or, *Surely*
he will again
whet

¹ If a man turn not, he will whet his sword ; 12
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death ; 13
He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.
Behold, he travaileth with iniquity ; 14
Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth
falsehood.
He hath made a pit, and digged it, 15
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
His mischief shall return upon his own head, 16
And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.
I will give thanks unto the LORD according to his 17
righteousness :
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most
High.

For the Chief Musician ; set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of David.

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² So some
ancient
versions.
The Hebrew
is obscure.

³ Or, *above*

O LORD, our Lord, 1
How excellent is thy name in all the earth !
Who ² hast set thy glory ³ upon the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou 2
established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, 3
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him ? 4
And the son of man, that thou visitest him ?
For thou hast made him but little lower than ⁴ God, 5
And crownest him with glory and honour.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of 6
thy hands ;
Thou hast put all things under his feet :
All sheep and oxen, 7
Yea, and the beasts of the field ;
The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, 8
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Lord, 9
How excellent is thy name in all the earth !

⁴ Or, *the*
angels
Heb. *Elohim*.

9 For the Chief Musician; set to Muth-labben.
A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart;
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou ¹ Most High.
- 3 When mine enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish at thy presence.
- 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou satest in the throne judging righteously.
- 5 Thou hast rebuked the ² nations, thou hast destroyed ² Or, *heathen*
the wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 ³ The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate for ever;
³ Or, *O thou enemy, desolations are come to a perpetual end*
⁴ And the cities which thou hast ⁵ overthrown,
Their very memorial is perished.
- 7 But the LORD sitteth *as king* for ever:
He hath prepared his throne for judgement.
- 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgement to the ⁶ peoples in uprightness.
⁴ Or, *And their cities thou hast overthrown*
⁵ Heb. *plucked up.*
⁶ Or, *people*
- 9 The LORD also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;
- 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee;
For thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the ⁷ people his doings.
⁷ Or, *peoples*
- 12 ⁸ For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them:
⁸ Or, *For when he maketh... he remembereth*
He forgetteth not the cry of the ⁹ poor.
⁹ Or, *meek*
- 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD;
Behold my affliction *which I suffer* of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
- 14 That I may shew forth all thy praise:
In the gates of the daughter of Zion,
I will rejoice in thy ¹⁰ salvation.
- 15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
¹⁰ Or, *saving help*

The LORD hath made himself known, he hath executed 16
judgement :

¹ Or, *He
snareth the
wicked*

¹ The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

[Higgaion. Selah

The wicked shall return to Sheol, 17

Even all the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not alway be forgotten, 18

² Or, *meek*

Nor the expectation of the ² poor perish for ever.

Arise, O LORD ; let not man prevail : 19

Let the nations be judged in thy sight.

Put them in fear, O LORD : 20

Let the nations know themselves to be but men. [Selah

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD ? 10

Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble ?

³ Or, *he doth
hotly pursue
the poor*

In the pride of the wicked ³ the poor ⁴ is hotly pursued ; 2

⁴ Heb. *is set
on fire.*

⁵ Let them be taken in the devices that they have
imagined.

⁵ Or, *They
are taken*

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, 3

⁶ Or, *blesseth
the covetous,
but contemn-
eth &c.*

And ⁶ the covetous renounceth, *yea*, ⁷ contemneth the
LORD.

⁷ Or, *revileth*

The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, *saith*, 4

He will not require *it*.

All his thoughts are, There is no God.

⁸ Or, *grievous*

His ways are ⁸ firm at all times ; 5

Thy judgements are far above out of his sight :

As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.

He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved : 6

To all generations I shall not be in adversity.

⁹ Or, *fraud*

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and ⁹ oppression : 7

Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages : 8

In the covert places doth he murder the innocent :

¹⁰ Or, *hapless*

His eyes are privily set against the ¹⁰ helpless.

He lurketh in the covert as a lion in his den : 9

He lieth in wait to catch the poor :

He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him in his net.

¹¹ Another
reading is,
And being
crushed.

¹¹ He croucheth, he boweth down, 10

And the ¹⁰ helpless fall by his strong ones.

He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten : 11

He hideth his face ; he will never see it.

- 12 Arise, O LORD ; O God, lift up thine hand :
Forget not the ¹ poor. ¹ Or, meek
- 13 Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God,
And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it* ?
- 14 Thou hast seen *it* ; for thou beholdest ² mischief and
spite, to take it into thy hand : ² Or, travail
and grief
- The ³ helpless committeth *himself* unto thee ; ³ Or, hapless
Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked ;
And as for the evil man, seek out his wickedness till
thou find none.
- 16 The LORD is King for ever and ever :
The ⁴ nations are perished out of his land. ⁴ Or,
heathen
- 17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the meek :
Thou wilt ⁵ prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ⁵ Or,
establish
ear to hear :
- 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
That man which is of the earth may be terrible no more.

11

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 In the LORD put I my trust :
How say ye to my soul,
Flee ⁶ as a bird to your mountain ? ⁶ Or, ye birds
- 2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in
heart.
- 3 ⁷ If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do ? ⁷ Or, For the
foundations
are de-
stroyed ;
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple,
The LORD, his throne is in heaven ;
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. *what hath
the righteous
wrought ?*
- 5 The LORD trieth the righteous :
But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul
hateth.
- 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares ;
Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the ⁸ Or, right-
eous deeds
portion of their cup. ⁹ Or, His
countenance
doth behold
the upright
- 7 For the LORD is righteous ; he loveth ⁸ righteousness :
⁹ The upright shall behold his face.

¹ Or, *the eighth*

For the Chief Musician; set to ¹the Sheminith.
A Psalm of David.

12

Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; 1
For ²the faithful fail from among the children of men.
They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: 2
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.
The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, 3
The tongue that speaketh great things:
Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; 4
Our lips are ³our own: who is lord over us?
For the spoiling of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, 5
Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
I will set him ⁴in safety at whom they puff.
The words of the LORD are pure words; 6
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
Purified seven times.
Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, 7
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
The wicked walk on every side, 8
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

² Or, *faithfulness faileth*

³ Heb. *with us.*

⁴ Or, *in the safety he putteth for*

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

13

How long, O LORD, wilt thou forget me for ever? 1
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul, 2
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God: 3
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*;
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; 4
Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.
But I have trusted in thy mercy; 5
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation:
I will sing unto the LORD, 6
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

14

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. 1
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;

There is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there were any that did ¹ understand,
That did seek after God.

¹ Or, *deal wisely*

3 They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,

² Because the LORD is his refuge.

² Or, *But*

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of
Zion!

When the LORD ³ bringeth back the captivity of his
people,

³ Or, *returneth to*

Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

15

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who shall sojourn in thy ⁴ tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

⁴ Heb. *tent*.

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth in his heart.

3 ⁵ He that slandereth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his friend,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

⁵ Or, *He slandereth*

4 In ⁶ whose eyes a reprobate is despised;
But he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

⁶ Or, *his*
⁷ Or, *He sweareth*

⁷ He that sweareth ⁸ to his own hurt, and changeth not.

⁸ Some ancient versions have,
to his friend.

5 ⁹ He that putteth not out his money to usury,
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

⁹ Or, *He putteth*
¹⁰ So the Sept., Vulg. and Syr. The Hebrew text as pointed reads, *Thou hast said, O my soul.*
¹¹ Or, *the Lord*

16

Michtam of David.

1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 ¹⁰ I have said unto the LORD, Thou art ¹¹ my Lord:
I have no good beyond thee.

¹ Or, *Unto*
² Or, *And*
the excellent
...delight:
their &c.
³ Or, *give*
gifts for

¹ As for the saints that are in the earth, 3
² They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that ³ exchange *the* 4

LORD for another *god*:

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
 Nor take their names upon my lips.
 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my 5
 cup:

Thou maintainest my lot.
 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; 6
 Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: 7
 Yea, my reins instruct me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: 8
 Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
 moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: 9
 My flesh also shall dwell ⁴ in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol; 10

Neither wilt thou suffer thine ⁵ holy one to see ⁶ cor-
 ruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: 11
 In thy presence is fulness of joy;
 In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

A Prayer of David.

17

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry; 1
 Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned
 lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; 2

⁷ Let thine eyes look upon equity.

Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me 3
 in the night;

Thou hast tried me, and ⁸ findest nothing;
 I am purposed that my mouth shall not trans-
 gress.

As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips 4
 I have kept me from the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to thy paths, 5
 My feet have not slipped.

⁷ Or, *Thine*
eyes behold
with equity

⁸ Or, *findest*
no evil pur-
pose in me;
my mouth &c.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God :

Incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest them which put their trust *in thee*

¹ From those that rise up *against them*, by thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that spoil me,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.

10 ² They are inclosed in their own fat :
With their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps :
They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.

12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD,

³ Confront him, cast him down :

Deliver my soul from ⁴ the wicked by thy sword ;

14 From ⁵ men, by thy hand, O LORD,

⁶ From men of the world, whose portion is in *this* life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure :

They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, ⁷ I shall behold thy face in righteousness :

⁷ I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy ⁸ likeness.

18 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD, ⁹ who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul : and he said,

¹ Or, *From those that rise up against thy right hand*

² Or, *They have shut up their heart :*

³ Or, *Foretell*

⁴ Or, *the wicked, which is thy sword*

⁵ Or, *men which are thy hand*

⁶ Or, *From men whose portion in life is of the world*

⁷ Or, *let me*

⁸ Heb. *form*. See Num. xii. 8.

⁹ See 2 Sam. xxii.

1 I love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ;
My God, my strong rock, in him will I trust ;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised :
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The cords of death compassed me,
And the floods of ¹⁰ ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The cords of Sheol were round about me :
The snares of death came upon me.

¹⁰ Heb. *Belial*.

In my distress I called upon the LORD, 6
 And cried unto my God :
 He heard my voice out of his temple,
 And my cry before him came into his ears.
 Then the earth shook and trembled, 7
 The foundations also of the mountains moved
 And were shaken, because he was wroth.
 There went up a smoke ¹ out of his nostrils, 8
 And fire out of his mouth devoured :
 Coals were kindled by it.
 He bowed the heavens also, and came down ; 9
 And thick darkness was under his feet.
 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly : 10
 Yea, he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion round 11
 about him ;
 Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed, 12
 Hailstones and coals of fire.
 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, 13
 And the Most High uttered his voice ;
 Hailstones and coals of fire.
 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them ; 14
² Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.
 Then the channels of waters appeared, 15
 And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
 At thy rebuke, O LORD,
 At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
 He sent from on high, he took me ; 16
 He drew me out of ³ many waters.
 He delivered me from my strong enemy, 17
 And from them that hated me, for they were too mighty
 for me.
 They came upon me in the day of my calamity : 18
 But the LORD was my stay.
 He brought me forth also into a large place ; 19
 He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteous- 20
 ness ;
 According to the cleanness of my hands hath he re-
 compensated me.

¹ Or, in his
wrath

² Or, And he
shot out
lightnings

³ Or, great

- 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
 And have not wickedly departed from my God.
 22 For all his judgements were before me,
 And I put not away his statutes from me.
 23 I was also perfect with him,
 And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to
 my righteousness,
 According to the cleanness of my hands in his eye-
 sight.
 25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful ;
 With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect ;
 26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure ;
 And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself froward.
 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people ;
 But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.
 28 For thou wilt light my lamp :
 The LORD my God will lighten my darkness.
 29 For by thee I run ¹upon a troop ;
 And by my God do I leap over a wall.
 30 As for God, his way is perfect :
 The word of the LORD is tried ;
 He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.
 31 For who is God, save the LORD ?
 And who is a rock, beside our God ?
 32 The God that girdeth me with strength,
 And maketh my way perfect.
 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet :
 And setteth me upon my high places.
 34 He teacheth my hands to war ;
 So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation :
 And thy right hand hath holden me up,
 And thy ²gentleness hath made me great.
 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
 And my ³feet have not slipped.
 37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them :
 Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.
 38 I will smite them through that they shall not be able
 to rise :
 They shall fall under my feet.

¹ Or, *through*

² Or, *con-
descension*

³ Heb. *ankles*.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle : 39

¹ Heb. *caused to bow.*

Thou hast ¹subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs 40 unto me,

That I might cut off them that hate me.

They cried, but there was none to save : 41

Even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the 42 wind :

² Heb. *empty.*

I did ²cast them out as the mire of the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people ; 43

³ Or, *will make*

Thou ³hast made me the head of the nations :

A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me : 44

⁴ Or, *yield feigned obedience*
Heb. *lie.*

The strangers shall ⁴submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away, 45

And shall come trembling out of their close places.

The LORD liveth ; and blessed be my rock ; 46

And exalted be the God of my salvation :

Even the God that executeth vengeance for me, 47

And subdueth peoples under me.

He rescueth me from mine enemies : 48

Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me :

Thou deliverest me from the violent man.

Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among 49 the nations,

And will sing praises unto thy name.

⁵ Heb. *salvations.*

Great ⁵deliverance giveth he to his king ; 50

And sheweth lovingkindness to his anointed,

To David and to his seed, for evermore.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

19

The heavens declare the glory of God ; 1

And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, 2

And night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language ; 3

Their voice cannot be heard.

- 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
 And their words to the end of the world.
 In them hath he set a ¹tabernacle for the sun, ¹ Heb. *tent.*
 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
 And his circuit unto the ends of it:
 And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul:
 The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:
 The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever:
 The judgements of the LORD are true, *and* righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
 Sweeter also than honey and ²the honeycomb. ² Heb. *the droppings of the honeycomb.*
- 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
 In keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern *his* errors?
 Clear thou me from hidden *faults*.
- 13 Keep back thy servant also ³from presumptuous *sins*; ³ Or, *from the proud*
 Let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be perfect,
 And I shall be clear from great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
 O LORD, my rock, and my redeemer.

20

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD answer thee in the day of trouble;
 The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high;
- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
 And ⁴strengthen thee out of Zion; ⁴ Or, *support*
- 3 Remember all thy ⁵offerings,
 And ⁶accept thy burnt sacrifice; ⁵ Or, *meal offerings*
- 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, [Selah ⁶ Heb. *accept as fat.*]

And fulfil all thy counsel.

¹ Or, *victory* We will triumph in thy ¹salvation, 5

And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:

The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; 6

He will answer him from his holy heaven

With the saving strength of his right hand.

Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: 7

But we will make mention of the name of the LORD our God.

They are bowed down and fallen: 8

But we are risen, and stand upright.

² Save, LORD: 9

Let the King answer us when we call.

² Or, as
some ancient
versions
have, O
LORD, save
the king; and
answer &c.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

21

The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; 1

And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, 2

And hast not withholden the request of his lips. [Selah

³ Or, *good things* For thou preventest him with the blessings of ³goodness: 3

Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.

He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him; 4

Even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation: 5

Honour and majesty dost thou lay upon him.

⁴ Heb. *settest him to be blessings.* For thou ⁴makest him most blessed for ever: 6

Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.

For the king trusteth in the LORD, 7

And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he

shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: 8

Thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of 9

thine ⁵anger.

⁵ Or,
presence
Heb.
courtenance.

The LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath,

And the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, 10

And their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against thee: 11

They imagined a device, which they are not able to perform.

12 For thou shalt make them turn their back,
 Thou shalt make ready with thy bowstrings against
 the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, O LORD, in thy strength :
 So will we sing and praise thy power.

22 For the Chief Musician ; set to ¹ Aijeleth hash-Shahar.
 A Psalm of David.

¹ That is, *The
 hind of the
 morning.*

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?

² *Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the
 words of my roaring ?*

² Or, *Far
 from my help
 are the words
 of my roar-
 ing.*

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou answerest
 not ;

And in the night season, ³ and am not silent.

³ Or, *but find
 no rest*

3 But thou art holy,

O thou that ⁴ inhabitest the praises of Israel.

⁴ Or, *art en-
 throned upon*

4 Our fathers trusted in thee :

They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered :

They trusted in thee, and were not ashamed.

6 But I am a worm, and no man ;

A reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn :

They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

8 ⁵ Commit *thyself* unto the LORD ; let him deliver him :

⁵ Or, *He
 trusted on
 the LORD,
 that he would
 deliver him*

Let him deliver him, seeing he delighteth in him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb :

Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my mother's
 breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb :

Thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me ; for trouble is near ;

For there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me :

Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gape upon me with their mouth,

As a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,

And all my bones are out of joint :

My heart is like wax ;

It is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd ; 15
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;
 And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
 For dogs have compassed me : 16
 The assembly of evil-doers have inclosed me ;
¹They pierced my hands and my feet.
 I may tell all my bones ; 17
 They look and stare upon me :
 They part my garments among them, 18
 And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
 But be not thou far off, O LORD : 19
 O thou my succour, haste thee to help me.
 Deliver my soul from the sword ; 20
²My darling from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the lion's mouth ; 21
 Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.
 I will declare thy name unto my brethren : 22
 In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him ; 23
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ;
 And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of 24
 the afflicted ;
 Neither hath he hid his face from him ;
 But when he cried unto him, he heard.
 Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation : 25
 I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 The meek shall eat and be satisfied : 26
 They shall praise the LORD that seek after him :
 Let your heart live for ever.
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn 27
 unto the LORD :
 And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before
 thee.
 For the kingdom is the LORD'S : 28
 And he is the ruler over the nations.
 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship : 29
 All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him,
 Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.

¹ So the
 Sept., Vulg.
 and Syr.
 According to
 other ancient
 versions,
They bound.
 The Hebrew
 text as pointed
 reads, *Like*
a lion.

² Heb. *My*
only one.

30 A seed shall serve him ;

¹ It shall be told of the Lord unto the *next* generation.

31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness

Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

¹ Or, *It shall be counted unto the Lord for his generation*

23

A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :

He leadeth me beside the ² still waters.

² Heb. *waters of rest.*

3 He restoreth my soul :

He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of ³ the shadow of death,

³ Or, *deep darkness (and so elsewhere)*

I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me :

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies :

Thou hast anointed my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

6 ⁴ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :

⁴ Or, *Only*

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD ⁵ for ever.

⁵ Heb. *for length of days.*

24

A Psalm of David.

1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof ;
The world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD ?
And who shall stand in his holy place ?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek after him,
That seek thy face, ⁶ O ⁷ God of Jacob.

[Selah ⁶ Or, *even Jacob*

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
And be ye lift up, ye ⁸ everlasting doors :
And the King of glory shall come in.

⁷ So some ancient versions.

⁸ Or, *ancient*

Who is the King of glory? 8
 The LORD strong and mighty,
 The LORD mighty in battle.
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; 9
¹ Or, *ancient* Yea, lift them up, ye ¹ everlasting doors :
 And the King of glory shall come in.
 Who is this King of glory? 10
 The LORD of hosts,
 He is the King of glory. [Selah

A Psalm of David.

25

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 1
 O my God, in thee have I trusted, 2
 Let me not be ashamed ;
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
 Yea, none that wait on thee shall be ashamed : 3
 They shall be ashamed that deal treacherously without
 cause.
 Shew me thy ways, O LORD ; 4
 Teach me thy paths.
 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me ; 5
 For thou art the God of my salvation ;
 On thee do I wait all the day.
 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lov- 6
 ingkindnesses ;
 For they have been ever of old.
 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my trans- 7
 gressions :
 According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me,
 For thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
 Good and upright is the LORD : 8
 Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
 The meek will he guide in judgement : 9
 And the meek will he teach his way.
 All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth 10
 Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
 For thy name's sake, O LORD, 11
 Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
 What man is he that feareth the LORD ? 12
 Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.

- 13 His soul shall dwell at ease ;
And his seed shall inherit the land.
- 14 The ¹ secret of the LORD is with them that fear him ;
² And he will shew them his covenant.
- 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD ;
For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart ³ are enlarged :
O bring thou me out of my distresses.
- 18 Consider mine affliction and my travail ;
And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many ;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
- 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me :
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait on thee.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

¹ Or, counsel
Or, friend-
ship

² Or, And his
covenant, to
make them
know it

³ Or, as
otherwise
read, relieve
thou, and
bring me &c.

26

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity :
- I have trusted also in the LORD ⁴ without wavering.
- 2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me ;
Try my reins and my heart.
- 3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes ;
And I have walked in thy truth.
- 4 I have not sat with vain persons ;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- 5 I hate the congregation of evil-doers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash mine hands in innocency ;
So will I compass thine altar, O LORD :
- 7 That I may ⁵ make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.
- 8 LORD, I love the habitation of thy house,
And the place ⁶ where thy glory dwelleth.

⁴ Or, I shall
not slide

⁵ Or, publish
with the voice
of thanks-
giving

⁶ Heb. of the
tabernacle of
thy glory.

¹ Or, *Take
not away*

¹ Gather not my soul with sinners, 9
Nor my life with men of blood :
In whose hands is mischief, 10
And their right hand is full of bribes.
But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity : 11
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth in an even place : 12
In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

A Psalm of David.

27

² Or, *strong
hold*

The LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I
I fear ?

The LORD is the ² strength of my life ; of whom shall
I be afraid ?

When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh, 2
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and
fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, 3
My heart shall not fear :

Though war should rise against me,

³ Or, *In this*

³ Even then will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek 4
after ;

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life,

⁴ Or, *the
pleasantness*

To behold ⁴ the beauty of the LORD, and to ⁵ inquire in
his temple.

⁵ Or, *consider
his temple*

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly in 5
his pavilion :

⁶ Heb. *tent.*

In the covert of his ⁶ tabernacle shall he hide me ;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine 6
enemies round about me ;

⁷ Or,
*shouting
Or, trumpet-
sound*

And I will offer in his ⁶ tabernacle sacrifices of ⁷ joy ;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice : 7

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face ; my heart said 8
unto thee,

Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

- 9 Hide not thy face from me ;
 Put not thy servant away in anger :
 Thou hast been my help ;
 Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my sal-
 vation.
- 10 ¹ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 But the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD ;
 And lead me in a plain path,
 Because of ² mine enemies.
- 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries :
 For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such
 as breathe out cruelty.
- 13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness
 of the LORD
 In the land of the living.
- 14 Wait on the LORD :
 Be strong, and let thine heart take courage ;
 Yea, wait thou on the LORD.

¹ Or, *When my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD &c.*

² Or, *them that lie in wait for me*

28

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Unto thee, O LORD, will I call ;
 My rock, be not thou deaf unto me :
 Lest, if thou be silent unto me,
 I become like them that go down into the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
 When I lift up my hands ³ toward thy holy oracle.
- 3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
 And with the workers of iniquity ;
 Which speak peace with their neighbours,
 But mischief is in their hearts.
- 4 Give them according to their work, and according to
 the wickedness of their doings :
 Give them after the operation of their hands ;
 Render to them their desert.
- 5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD,
 Nor the operation of his hands,
 He shall break them down and not build them up.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
 Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

³ Or, *toward the innermost place of thy sanctuary*

The LORD is my strength and my shield ; 7
 My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped :
 Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth ;
 And with my song will I praise him.
 The LORD is ¹ their strength, 8
 And he is a strong hold of salvation to his anointed.
 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance : 9
 Feed them also, and bear them up for ever.

¹ According to some ancient versions, a strength unto his people.

A Psalm of David.

29

² Or, sons of God Give unto the LORD, O ye ² sons of the ³ mighty, 1
 Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
³ Or, gods See Ex. xv. 11. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name ; 2
 Worship the LORD ⁴ in the beauty of holiness.
⁴ Or, in holy array The voice of the LORD is upon the waters : 3
 The God of glory thundereth,
⁵ Or, great Even the LORD upon ⁵ many waters. 4
 The voice of the LORD is powerful ;
 The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 4
 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars ; 5
 Yea, the LORD breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
 He maketh them also to skip like a calf ; 6
 Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.
⁶ Or, heweth out flames of fire The voice of the LORD ⁶ cleaveth the flames of fire. 7
 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness ; 8
 The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, 9
 And strippeth the forests bare :
 And in his temple every thing saith, Glory.
 The LORD sat *as king* at the Flood ; 10
 Yea, the LORD sitteth as king for ever.
 The LORD will give strength unto his people ; 11
 The LORD will bless his people with peace.

A Psalm ; a Song at the Dedication of the House ;
a Psalm of David.

30

⁷ Or, drawn I will extol thee, O LORD ; for thou hast ⁷ raised me up, 1
 And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

- 2 O LORD my God,
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
- 3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol:
Thou hast kept me alive, ¹ that I should not go down
to the pit.
- 4 Sing praise unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,
And give thanks to his holy ² name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment;
³ In his favour is life:
Weeping ⁴ may tarry for the night,
But joy *cometh* in the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.
- 7 Thou, LORD, of thy favour hadst made my mountain to
stand strong:
Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.
- 8 I cried to thee, O LORD;
And unto the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to
the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, be thou my helper.
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with
gladness:
- 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and
not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for
ever.

¹ Another reading is, *from among them that go down to the pit.*

² Heb. *memorial.*
See Ex. iii. 15.

³ Or, *His favour is for a life time*

⁴ Heb. *may come in to lodge at even.*

31

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be
ashamed:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:
Be thou to me a strong rock, an house of ⁵ defence to
save me.
- 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

⁵ Heb. *fortresses.*

Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily 4
 for me ;
 For thou art my strong hold.
 Into thine hand I commend my spirit : 5
 Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.
 I hate them that regard lying vanities : 6
 But I trust in the LORD.
 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy : 7
 For thou hast seen my affliction ;
 Thou hast known ¹ my soul in adversities :
 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the 8
 enemy ;
 Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in distress : 9
 Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yea*, my soul and
 my body.
 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with 10
 sighing :
 My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my
 bones are wasted away. .
 Because of all mine adversaries I am become a re- 11
 proach,
 Yea, unto my neighbours exceedingly, and a fear to
 mine acquaintance :
 They that did see me without fled from me.
 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind : 12
 I am like a broken vessel.
 For I have heard the defaming of many, 13
 Terror on every side :
 While they took counsel together against me,
 They devised to take away my life.
 But I trusted in thee, O LORD : 14
 I said, Thou art my God.
 My times are in thy hand : 15
 Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from
 them that persecute me.
 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant : 16
 Save me in thy lovingkindness.
 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD ; for I have called 17
 upon thee :
 Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Sheol.

¹ Or, *the
adversities of
my soul*

- 18 Let the lying lips be dumb ;
Which speak against the righteous insolently,
With pride and contempt.
- 19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up
for them that fear thee,
Which thou hast wrought for them that put their
trust in thee, before the sons of men !
- 20 In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them
from the plottings of man :
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the
strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD :
For he hath shewed me his marvellous lovingkindness
in a strong city.
- 22 As for me, I said in my ¹haste, I am cut off from ¹ Or, *alarm*
before thine eyes :
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplica-
tions when I cried unto thee.
- 23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints :
The LORD preserveth ² the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. ² Or, *faith-
fulness*
- 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that ³ hope in the LORD. ³ Or,
wait for

32

A Psalm of David. Maschil.

- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose
sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not
iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long.
- 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me :
My moisture was changed ⁴ as with the drought of ⁴ Or, *into*
summer. [Selah]
- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity
have I not hid :
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
LORD ;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Selah]

¹ Or, *in the
time of find-
ing out sin*

For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee ¹ in 6
a time when thou mayest be found :

Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not
reach unto him.

Thou art my hiding place ; thou wilt preserve me 7
from trouble ;

Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliver-
ance. [Selah

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which 8
thou shalt go :

I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no 9
understanding :

Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in,

² Or, *That
they come not
near*

² Else they will not come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked : 10

But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass
him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : 11

And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous : 33

Praise is comely for the upright.

Give thanks unto the LORD with harp : 2

Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song ; 3

Play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right ; 4

And all his work is *done* in faithfulness.

He loveth righteousness and judgement : 5

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made ; 6

And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap : 7

He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD : 8

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of
him.

For he spake, and it was done ; 9

He commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought : 10

He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of none effect.

- 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth fast for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD ;
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looketh from heaven ;
He beholdeth all the sons of men ;
- 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth ;
- 15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.
- 16 There is no king saved by ¹ the multitude of an host : ¹ Or, a great power
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
- 17 An horse is a vain thing for safety :
Neither shall he deliver any by his great power.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear
him,
Upon them that ² hope in his mercy ; ² Or, wait for
- 19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul hath waited for the LORD :
He is our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we ² have hoped in thee.

34 *A Psalm of David ; when he ³ changed his behaviour before* ³ Or, feigned madness
Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times :
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD :
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened :
And their faces shall never be confounded.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, 6
 And saved him out of all his troubles.
 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them 7
 that fear him,
 And delivereth them.
 O taste and see that the LORD is good : 8
 Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
 O fear the LORD, ye his saints : 9
 For there is no want to them that fear him.
 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger : 10
 But they that seek the LORD shall not want any good
 thing.
 Come, ye children, hearken unto me : 11
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
 What man is he that desireth life, 12
 And loveth *many* days, that he may see good ?
 Keep thy tongue from evil, 13
 And thy lips from speaking guile.
 Depart from evil, and do good ; 14
 Seek peace, and pursue it.
 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, 15
 And his ears are *open* unto their cry.
 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, 16
 To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
 The *righteous* cried, and the LORD heard, 17
 And delivered them out of all their troubles.
 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, 18
 And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous : 19
 But the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
 He keepeth all his bones : 20
 Not one of them is broken.
 Evil shall slay the wicked : 21
 And they that hate the righteous shall be ¹condemned.
 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants : 22
 And none of them that trust in him shall be ¹con-
 demned.

¹ Or, *held
guilty*

A Psalm of David.

35

Strive thou, O LORD, with them that strive with me : 1
 Fight thou against them that fight against me.

- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for mine help.
- 3 Draw out also the spear,¹ and stop the way against
them that pursue me :
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
- 4 Let them be ashamed and brought to dishonour that
seek after my soul :
Let them be turned back and confounded that devise
my hurt.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.
- 6 Let their way be ² dark and slippery,
And the angel of the LORD pursuing them.
- 7 For without cause have they hid for me ³ their net *in*
a pit,
Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares ;
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself :
⁴ With destruction let him fall therein.
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD :
It shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto
thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong
for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth
him ?
- 11 ⁵ Unrighteous witnesses rise up ;
They ask me of things that I know not.
- 12 They reward me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was
sackcloth :
I afflicted my soul with fasting ;
And my prayer ⁶ returned into mine own bosom.
- 14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or
my brother :
I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his
mother.
- 15 But when I halted they rejoiced, and gathered them-
selves together :

¹ Or, *and the battle axe against &c.*

² Heb. *darkness and slippery places.*

³ Or, *the pit of their net*

⁴ Or, *Into that very destruction let him fall!*

⁵ Or, *Malicious*
See
Ex. xxiii. 1.

⁶ Or, *shall return*

- ¹ Or, *smilers* The ¹abjects gathered themselves together against me,
² Or, those whom I *knew* not; and ²I knew *it* not;
They did tear me, and ceased not:
³ Or, *Among* ³Like the profane mockers in feasts, 16
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.
Lord, how long wilt thou look on? 17
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
⁴ Heb. *My only one.* ⁴My darling from the lions.
I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: 18
⁵ Or, a *mighty* people I will praise thee among ⁵much people.
Let not them that are mine enemies ⁶wrongfully rejoice 19
over me:
Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me with-
out a cause.
For they speak not peace: 20
But they devise deceitful words against them that are
quiet in the land.
Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me; 21
They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.
Thou hast seen it, O LORD; keep not silence: 22
O Lord, be not far from me.
Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgement, 23
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy right- 24
eousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
⁷ Heb. *Aha, our desire.* Let them not say in their heart, ⁷Aha, so would we 25
have it:
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
Let them be ashamed and confounded together that 26
rejoice at mine hurt:
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that
magnify themselves against me.
⁸ Heb. *have pleasure in my righteousness.* Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that ⁸favour my 27
righteous cause:
Yea, let them say continually, The LORD be mag-
nified,
Which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his ser-
vant.
And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness, 28
And of thy praise all the day long.

36 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant
of the LORD.

- 1 ¹The transgression of the wicked ²saith within ³my heart,
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For ⁴he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
⁵That his iniquity shall not be found out and be hated.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit :
He hath left off to be wise *and* to do good.
4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed ;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good ;
He abhorreth not evil.
- 5 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens ;
Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the skies.
6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God ;
Thy judgements are a great deep :
O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
7 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God !
And the children of men take refuge under the shadow
of thy wings.
8 They shall be ⁶abundantly satisfied with the fatness of
thy house ;
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy
pleasures.
9 For with thee is the fountain of life :
In thy light shall we see light.
10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know
thee ;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen :
They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

1 Or, *Transgression saith to the wicked*

2 Or, *uttereth its oracle*

3 Or, *according to many ancient versions, his*

4 Or, *it (or, he) flattereth him in his eyes*

5 Or, *Until his iniquity be found and be hated*

Heb. *Concerning the finding out of his iniquity and hating it.*

6 Heb. *watered.*

37 *A Psalm* of David.

- 1 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious against them that work un-
righteousness.

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| | For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, | 2 |
| | And wither as the green herb. | |
| | Trust in the LORD, and do good ; | 3 |
| ¹ Or, <i>So shalt thou dwell in the land and feed securely</i> | ¹ Dwell in the land, and ² follow after faithfulness. | |
| | ³ Delight thyself also in the LORD ; | 4 |
| | And he shall give thee the ⁴ desires of thine heart. | |
| ² Heb. <i>feed on.</i> | ⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD ; | 5 |
| ³ Or, <i>So shalt thou have thy delight in &c.</i> | Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. | |
| | And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth as 6 | |
| ⁴ Heb. <i>petitions.</i> | the light, | |
| | And thy judgement as the noonday. | |
| ⁵ Heb. <i>Roll thy way upon the LORD.</i> | ⁶ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him : | 7 |
| | Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his | |
| ⁶ Or, <i>Be still before (Heb. silent to) the LORD</i> | way, | |
| | Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to | |
| | pass. | |
| | Cease from anger, and forsake wrath : | 8 |
| | Fret not thyself, <i>it tendeth</i> only to evil-doing. | |
| | For evil-doers shall be cut off : | 9 |
| | But those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit | |
| ⁷ Or, <i>the earth (and so in vv. 11, 22, 29, 34)</i> | ⁷ the land. | |
| | For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be : | 10 |
| ⁸ Or, <i>it</i> | Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and ⁸ he | |
| | shall not be. | |
| | But the meek shall inherit the land ; | 11 |
| | And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. | |
| | The wicked plotteth against the just, | 12 |
| | And gnasheth upon him with his teeth. | |
| | The Lord shall laugh at him : | 13 |
| | For he seeth that his day is coming. | |
| | The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent 14 | |
| | their bow ; | |
| | To cast down the poor and needy, | |
| | To slay such as be upright in the way : | |
| | Their sword shall enter into their own heart, | 15 |
| | And their bows shall be broken. | |
| | Better is a little that the righteous hath | 16 |
| | Than the abundance of many wicked. | |
| | For the arms of the wicked shall be broken : | 17 |
| | But the LORD upholdeth the righteous. | |
| | The LORD knoweth the days of the perfect : | 18 |

And their inheritance shall be for ever.

- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil :
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

- 20 But the wicked shall perish,
And the enemies of the LORD shall be as ¹ the excellency of the pastures: ¹ Or, *the fat of lambs*

They shall consume; ² in smoke shall they consume away. ² Or, *like smoke*

- 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again :
But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

- 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the land ;
And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

- 23 A man's goings are established of the LORD ;
And he delighteth in his way.

- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down :
For the LORD ³ upholdeth him with his hand. ³ Or, *upholdeth his hand*

- 25 I have been young, and now am old ;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging *their* bread.

- 26 All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth ;
And his seed is blessed.

- 27 Depart from evil, and do good ;
And dwell for evermore.

- 28 For the LORD loveth judgement,
And forsaketh not his saints ;
They are preserved for ever :
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

- 29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.

- 30 The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh judgement.

- 31 The law of his God is in his heart ;
None of his steps shall slide.

- 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.

- 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.

- 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way,
And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land :
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

- 35 I have seen the wicked in great power,

And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

- ¹ Or, *Yet he passed away*
² Or, according to some ancient versions, *I passed by*
³ Or, *there is a reward (or, future or, posterity) for the man of peace*
- ¹ But ² one passed by, and, lo, he was not : 36
 Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright : 37
 For ³ the latter end of *that* man is peace.
 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together : 38
 The latter end of the wicked shall be cut off.
 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD : 39
 He is their strong hold in the time of trouble.
 And the LORD helpeth them, and rescueth them : 40
 He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,
 Because they have taken refuge in him.

⁴ Or, *to make memorial*

A Psalm of David, ⁴ to bring to remembrance.

38

⁵ Heb. *lighted on me.*

⁶ Or, *rest*

⁷ Heb. *bent.*

- O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath : 1
 Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
 For thine arrows ⁵ stick fast in me, 2
 And thy hand ⁵ presseth me sore.
 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine 3
 indignation ;
 Neither is there any ⁶ health in my bones because of
 my sin.
 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head : 4
 As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
 My wounds stink and are corrupt, 5
 Because of my foolishness.
 I am ⁷ pained and bowed down greatly ; 6
 I go mourning all the day long.
 For my loins are filled with burning ; 7
 And there is no soundness in my flesh.
 I am faint and sore bruised : 8
 I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my
 heart.
 Lord, all my desire is before thee ; 9
 And my groaning is not hid from thee.
 My heart throbberh, my strength faileth me : 10
 As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague ; 11
 And my kinsmen stand afar off.

- 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me* ;
 And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
 And imagine deceits all the day long.
- 13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not ;
 And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
- 14 Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,
 And in whose mouth are no ¹reproofs.
- 15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope :
 Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me :
 When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves
 against me.
- 17 For I am ready to halt,
 And my sorrow is continually before me.
- 18 For I will declare mine iniquity ;
 I will be sorry for my sin.
- 19 But mine enemies are lively, *and* are strong :
 And they that hate me ²wrongfully are multiplied.
- 20 They also that render evil for good
 Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing
 that is good.
- 21 Forsake me not, O LORD :
 O my God, be not far from me.
- 22 Make haste to help me,
 O Lord my salvation.

¹ Or,
arguments

Heb. *falsely*.

39 For the Chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I said, I will take heed to my ways,
 That I sin not with my tongue :
 I will keep ³my mouth with a bridle,
 While the wicked is before me.
- 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, ⁴even from
 good ;
 And my sorrow was stirred.
- 3 My heart was hot within me ;
 While I was musing the fire kindled :
 Then spake I with my tongue :
- 4 LORD, make me to know mine end,
 And the measure of my days, what it is ;
 Let me know how frail I am.

³ Heb. *a*
bridle (or,
muzzle) *for*
my mouth.

⁴ Or, *and had*
no comfort
 Heb. *away*
from good.

Behold, thou hast made my days *as* handbreadths ; 5

And mine age is as nothing before thee :

¹ Heb. *standing firm.*

Surely every man ¹at his best estate is altogether
²vanity. [Selah

² Heb. *a breath.*

Surely every man walketh ³in a vain shew : 6

³ Or, *as a shadow*

Surely they are disquieted ⁴in vain :

⁴ Or, *for vanity*

He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall
gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for ? 7

My hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions : 8

Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth ; 9

Because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me : 10

⁵ Heb. *conflict.*

I am consumed by the ⁵blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, 11

⁶ Or, *consumest like a moth his delights*

Thou ⁶makest his beauty to consume away like a moth :

Surely every man is ²vanity. [Selah

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry ; 12

Hold not thy peace at my tears :

For I am a stranger with thee,

A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

⁷ Or, *Look away from me*

⁷ O spare me, that I may ⁸recover strength, 13

⁸ Heb. *brighten up.*

Before I go hence, and be no more.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

40

I waited patiently for the LORD ; 1

And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

⁹ Heb. *a pit of tumult or destruction.*

He brought me up also out of ⁹an horrible pit, out of 2
the miry clay ;

And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my
goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise 3
unto our God :

Many shall see it, and fear,

And shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust, 4

¹⁰ Or, *fall away treacherously*

And respecteth not the proud, nor such as ¹⁰turn aside
to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are the wonderful works
which thou hast done,

And thy thoughts which are to us-ward :

¹ They cannot be set in order unto thee ;

If I would declare and speak of them,

They are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and ² offering thou hast no delight in ;

Mine ears hast thou opened :

Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I am come ;

In the roll of the book it is ⁴ written of me :

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God ;

Yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have ⁵ published righteousness in the great congregation ;

Lo, I will not refrain my lips,

O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ;

I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation :

I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth
from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O
LORD :

Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually pre-
serve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about,

Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not
able to look up ;

They are more than the hairs of mine head, and my
heart hath ⁶ failed me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me :

Make haste to help me, O LORD.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together

That seek after my soul to destroy it :

Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.

15 Let them be ⁷ desolate ⁸ by reason of their shame

That say unto me, Aha, Aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee :

Let such as love thy salvation say continually,

The LORD be magnified.

¹ Or, *There is none to be compared unto thee*

² Or, *meal offering*

³ Heb. *Ears hast thou digged (or, pierced) for me.*

⁴ Or, *prescribed to*

⁵ Or, *proclaimed glad tidings of*

⁶ Heb. *forsaken.*

⁷ Or, *astonished*

⁸ Or, *for a reward of*

But I am poor and needy ; 17
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me :
 Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
 Make no tarrying, O my God.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

41

¹ Or, *the weak* Blessed is he that considereth ¹ the poor : 1
 The LORD will deliver him in the day of evil.
² The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive, and 2
 he shall be blessed ³ upon the earth ;
³ Or, *in the land* And deliver not thou him unto the will of his enemies.
⁴ Or, *The LORD support* ⁴ The LORD will support him upon the couch of lan- 3
 guishing :
⁵ Heb. *turnest, or, changest.* Thou ⁵ makest all his bed in his sickness.
 I said, O LORD, have mercy upon me : 4
 Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee.
 Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying*, 5
 When shall he die, and his name perish ?
⁶ Or, *falschood* And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh ⁶ vanity ; 6
 His heart gathereth iniquity to itself :
 When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
 All that hate me whisper together against me : 7
 Against me do they devise my hurt.
⁷ Or, *Some wicked thing* ⁷ An evil disease, *say they*, ⁸ cleaveth fast unto him : 8
 And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
⁸ Or, *is poured out upon him* Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, 9
 which did eat of my bread,
 Hath lifted up his heel against me.
 But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon me, and raise 10
 me up,
 That I may requite them.
 By this I know that thou delightest in me, 11
 Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, 12
 And settest me before thy face for ever.

 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 13
 From everlasting and to everlasting.
 Amen, and Amen.

BOOK II.

42 For the Chief Musician; Maschil of the sons of Korah.

- 1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God :
When shall I come and appear before God ?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they ¹ continually say unto me, Where is thy
God ? ¹ Heb. *all the day.*
- 4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul
² within me, ² Heb. *upon.*
How I went with the throng, and ³ led them to the ³ Or, *went in procession with them*
house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping
holyday.
- 5 Why art thou ⁴ cast down, O my soul ? ⁴ Heb. *bowed down.*
And *why* art thou disquieted within me ?
Hope thou in God : for I shall yet praise him
⁵ *For* the ⁶ health of his countenance. ⁵ According to some ancient authorities, *Who is the health of my countenance, and my God. My soul &c.*
- 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me :
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of Jordan,
And the Hermons, from ⁷ the hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy ⁸ water-
spouts : ⁶ Or, *help*
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. ⁷ Or, *the little mountain*
- 8 *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the
day-time, ⁸ Or, *cataracts*
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
- 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten
me ? ⁹ Or, *while the enemy oppresseth*
Why go I mourning ⁹ because of the oppression of the
enemy ?
- 10 As with ¹⁰ a sword in my bones, mine adversaries re-
proach me ; ¹⁰ Or, *crushing*

While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? 11

And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,

¹ Or, *help* Who is the ¹ health of my countenance, and my God.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an **43**
ungodly nation:

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou ²
cast me off?

² Or, *while the enemy oppresseth* Why go I mourning ² because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me: ³

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,

And to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, 4

Unto God ³ my exceeding joy:

³ Heb. *the gladness of my joy.* And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? 5

And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,

Who is the ¹ health of my countenance, and my God.

For the Chief Musician; a *Psalm* of the sons of **44**
Korah. Maschil.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have ¹
told us,

What work thou didst in their days, in the days of old.

Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and ²
plantedst them in;

⁴ Or, *cast them forth* Thou didst afflict the peoples, and ⁴ didst spread them
abroad.

For they gat not the land in possession by their own ³
sword,

Neither did their own arm save them:

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of
thy countenance,

Because thou hadst a favour unto them.

- 4 Thou art my King, O God :
Command ¹deliverance for Jacob. ¹Or, *victories*
- 5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries :
Through thy name will we tread them under that rise
up against us.
- 6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
- 7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,
And hast put them to shame that hate us.
- 8 In God have we made our boast all the day long,
And we will give thanks unto thy name for ever. [Selah
- 9 But now thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us to dishonour ;
And goest not forth with our hosts.
- 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary :
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.
- 11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat ;
And hast scattered us among the nations.
- 12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.
- 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,
A scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
- 14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations,
A shaking of the head among the peoples.
- 15 All the day long is my dishonour before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
- 16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth ;
By reason of the enemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this is come upon us ; yet have we not forgotten
thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
- 18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from thy way ;
- 19 ²That thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals, ²Or, *Though*
And covered us with the shadow of death.
- 20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or spread forth our hands to a strange god ;
- 21 Shall not God search this out ?
For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long ;

We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord ? 23
 Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.
 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24
 And forgettest our affliction and our oppression ?
 For our soul is bowed down to the dust : 25
 Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
 Rise up for our help, 26
 And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

¹ That is, Lilies. For the Chief Musician ; set to ¹ Shoshannim ; a *Psalm* of 45
 the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves.

My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter : 1

² Or, *I speak* ; ² I speak the things which I have made touching the
my work is for a king king :

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
 Thou art fairer than the children of men ; 2

³ Or, *upon* Grace is poured ³ into thy lips :
 Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, 3
 Thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride on prosperously, 4

⁴ Or, *In behalf of* ⁴ Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness :
 And ⁵ thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

⁵ Or, *let thy right hand teach* Thine arrows are sharp ; 5
 The peoples fall under thee ;

They are in the heart of the king's enemies.

⁶ Or, *Thy throne is the throne of God &c.* ⁶ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever : 6

A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness : 7

Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
 With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia ; 8
 Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made
 thee glad.

Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women : 9
 At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of
 Ophir.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine 10
 ear ;

Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ;

- 11 So shall the king desire thy beauty :
 For he is thy Lord ; and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift ;
 Even the rich among the people shall intreat thy
 favour.
- 13 The king's daughter ¹ within *the palace* is all glorious : ¹ Or, in the
inner part of
the palace
 Her clothing is inwrought with gold.
- 14 She shall be led unto the king ² in brodered work : ² Or, upon
 The virgins her companions that follow her
 Shall be brought unto thee.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led :
 They shall enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
 Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all genera-
 tions :
 Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever
 and ever.

46 For the Chief Musician ; a *Psalm* of the sons of Korah ;
 set to Alamoth. A Song.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
 A very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do
 change,
 And though the mountains be moved in the heart of
 the seas ;
- 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
 Though the mountains shake with the ³ swelling thereof. ³ Or, pride
[Selah
- 4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the
 city of God,
 The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved :
 God shall help her, ⁴ and that right early. ⁴ Heb. at
the dawn of
morning.
- 6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved :
 He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us ;
 The God of Jacob is our ⁵ refuge. [Selah ⁵ Or, high
tower
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,

¹ Or, *Who hath made desolations &c.*

¹ What desolations he hath made in the earth.
He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ; 9
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder ;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.

² Or, *Let be*

² Be still, and know that I am God : 10
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us ; 11

³ Or, *high tower*

The God of Jacob is our ³ refuge. [Selah

For the Chief Musician ; a Psalm of the sons of Korah. **47**

O clap your hands, all ye peoples ; 1
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

⁴ Or, *the LORD is most high and terrible*

For ⁴ the LORD Most High is terrible ; 2
He is a great King over all the earth.

⁵ Or, *subdueth*

He ⁵ shall subdue the peoples under us, 3
And the nations under our feet.

⁶ Or, *chooseth*

He ⁶ shall choose our inheritance for us, 4

⁷ Or, *loveth*

The excellency of Jacob whom he ⁷ loved. [Selah

God is gone up with a shout, 5

The LORD with the sound of a trumpet. 6

Sing praises to God, sing praises : 6

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7

For God is the King of all the earth : 7

⁸ Or, *in a skilful psalm*
Heb.
Maschil.

Sing ye praises ⁸ with understanding. 8

God reigneth over the nations : 8

God sitteth upon his holy throne. 9

The princes of the peoples are gathered together 9

⁹ Or, *Unto the people*

⁹ *To be* the people of the God of Abraham : 9

For the shields of the earth belong unto God ; 9

He is greatly exalted. 9

A Song ; a Psalm of the sons of Korah. **48**

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, 1

In the city of our God, in his holy mountain. 1

Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, 2

Is mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, 2

The city of the great King. 2

God hath made himself known in her palaces for a 3

³ refuge.

- 4 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They ¹ passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, then were they amazed ;
They were dismayed, they ² hasted away.
- 6 Trembling took hold of them there ;
Pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 ³ With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our
God :
- God will establish it for ever. [Selah]
- 9 We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.
- 10 As is thy name, O God,
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let mount Zion be glad,
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of thy judgements.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her :
Tell the towers thereof.
- 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks,
⁴ Consider her palaces ;
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever :
He will be our guide *even* ⁵ unto death.

¹ Or, *passed
away*

² Or, *were
stricken with
terror*

³ Or, *As with
the east wind
that breaketh*

⁴ Or,
Traverse

⁵ Or, *accord-
ing to some
ancient
authorities,
for evermore*

49 For the Chief Musician ; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 1 Hear this, all ye peoples ;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :
- 2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom ;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of under-
standing.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable :
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
- 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When ⁶ iniquity at my heels compasseth me about ?

⁶ Or, *the
iniquity of
them that
would
supplant me
compasseth
me about,
even of them
that trust . . .
riches ?*

They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches ;
None of *them* can by any means redeem his bro- 7
ther,

Nor give to God a ransom for him :
(For the redemption of their soul is costly, 8
And must be let alone for ever :)
That he should still live away, 9

¹ Or, *the pit*

That he should not see ¹ corruption. 9

² Or, *Yea, he shall see it : wise men &c.*

² For he seeth that wise men die, 10
The fool and the brutish together perish,
And leave their wealth to others.

³ Some ancient versions read, *Their graves are their houses for ever.*

³ Their inward thought is, *that* their houses *shall con-* 11
tinue for ever,

⁴ Or, *man being in honour abideth not*

And their dwelling places to all generations ;
They call their lands after their own names.
But ⁴ man abideth not in honour : 12
He is like the beasts that perish.

⁵ Or, *This is the way of them that are foolish*

⁵ This their way is ⁶ their folly : 13
Yet after them men approve their sayings. [Selah

⁶ Or, *their confidence : and after &c.*

They are appointed as a flock for Sheol ; 14
Death shall be their shepherd :

⁷ Or, *form*

And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning ;

⁸ Heb. *hand.*

And their ⁷ beauty shall be for Sheol to consume, that there be no habitation for it.
But God will redeem my soul from the ⁸ power of 15
Sheol :

For he shall receive me. [Selah

⁹ Or, *wealth*

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, 16

When the ⁹ glory of his house is increased :
For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away ; 17
His glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lived he blessed his soul, 18
And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,

¹⁰ Heb. *Thou shalt go, or, It shall go.*

¹⁰ He shall go to the generation of his fathers ; 19

¹¹ Or, *Which never more see*

¹¹ They shall never see the light.
Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, 20
Is like the beasts that perish.

50

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ God, *even* God, the LORD, hath spoken,
 And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto
 the going down thereof. ¹ Or, *The God of gods*
Heb. *El Elohim.*
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
 God hath shined forth.
- 3 Our God ² shall come, and shall not keep silence :
 A fire shall devour before him,
 And it shall be very tempestuous round about him. ² Or, *cometh*
... *devourcth*
... *is &c.*
- 4 He shall call to the heavens above,
 And to the earth, that he may judge his people :
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me ;
 Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens ³ shall declare his righteousness ;
 For God is judge himself. ³ Or, *declare*
[Selah]
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
 O Israel, and I will testify ⁴ unto thee :
 I am God, *even* thy God. ⁴ Or, *against*
- 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices ;
⁵ And thy burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁵ Or, *Nor for*
thy burnt
offerings,
which are &c.
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
 Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
 And the cattle ⁶ upon a thousand hills. ⁶ Or, *upon the*
mountains
where thou-
sands are
- 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains :
 And the wild beasts of the field are ⁷ mine. ⁷ Or, *in my*
mind
Heb. *with*
me.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee :
 For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
 Or drink the blood of goats ?
- 14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ;
 And pay thy vows unto the Most High :
- 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble ;
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
- 16 But unto the wicked God saith,
 What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
 And that thou hast taken my covenant in thy mouth ?
- 17 Seeing thou hatest ⁸ instruction,
 And castest my words behind thee. ⁸ Or,
correction

- When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him, 18
 And ¹hast been partaker with adulterers.
¹ Heb. *thy portion was with adulterers.* Thou givest thy mouth to evil, 19
 And thy tongue frameth deceit.
 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother ; 20
 Thou ²slandereſt thine own mother's ſon.
² Or, *givest a thrust against* These things haſt thou done, and I kept ſilence ; 21
 Thou thoughteſt that I was altogether ſuch an one as
 thyſelf :
 But I will reprove thee, and ſet *them* in order before
 thine eyes.
- Now conſider this, ye that forget God, 22
 Leſt I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver :
 Whoſo offereth the ſacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth 23
 me ;
³ And to him that ordereth his ⁴converſation *aright*
 Will I ſhew the ſalvation of God.
- ³ Or, *And prepareth a way that I may ſhew him*
⁴ Heb. *way.*

For the Chief Muſician. A Psalm of David: when Nathan **51**
 the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-
 ſheba.

- Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving- 1
 kindneſs :
 According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot
 out my tranſgreſſions.
- Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, 2
 And cleanſe me from my ſin.
- ⁵ Heb. *know.* For I ⁵acknowledge my tranſgreſſions : 3
 And my ſin is ever before me.
- Against thee, thee only, have I ſinned, 4
 And done that which is evil in thy ſight :
 That thou mayeſt be juſtified when thou ſpeakeſt,
 And be clear when thou judgeſt.
- Behold, I was ſhapen in iniquity ; 5
 And in ſin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, thou deſireſt truth in the inward parts : 6
 And in the hidden part thou ſhalt make me to know
 wiſdom.
- Purge me with hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean : 7
 Wash me, and I ſhall be whiter than ſnow.

- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness ;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create ¹in me a clean heart, O God ; ¹ Or, *for me*
And renew a ²right spirit within me. ² Or, *stedfast*
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence ;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation :
And uphold me with a ³free spirit. ³ Or, *willing*
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;
And sinners shall ⁴be converted unto thee. ⁴ Or, *return*
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of
my salvation ;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open thou my lips ;
And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- 16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice ; ⁵else would I ⁵ Or, *that*
I should
give it
give it :
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not
despise.
- 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion :
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then shalt thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,
in burnt offering and whole burnt offering :
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

52 For the Chief Musician. Maschil of David : when Doeg the
Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is
come to the house of Ahimelech.

- 1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man ?
The mercy of God *endureth* continually.
- 2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness ;
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- 3 Thou lovest evil more than good ;
And lying rather than to speak righteousness. [Selah
- 4 Thou lovest all devouring words,
⁶O thou deceitful tongue. ⁶ Or, *And*
the deceitful
tongue

¹ Or, *break thee down*

God shall likewise ¹destroy thee for ever, 5
He shall take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,

And root thee out of the land of the living. [Selah
The righteous also shall see *it*, and fear, 6
And shall laugh at him, *saying*,

² Or, *strong hold*

Lo, this is the man that made not God his ²strength; 7
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the 8
house of God:

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast 9
done it:

And I will wait on thy name, for it is good, in the
presence of thy saints.

For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maschil of **53**
David.

³ See Ps. xiv.

³ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. 1
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity;
There is none that doeth good.
God looked down from heaven upon the children of 2
men,

⁴ Or, *deal wisely*

To see if there were any that did ⁴understand,
That did seek after God.
Every one of them is gone back; they are together 3
become filthy;

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? 4
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And call not upon God.

There were they in great fear, where no fear was: 5
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth
against thee;

Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath re-
jected them.

Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of 6
Zion!

⁵ Or, *returneth to*

When God ⁵bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

54 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David: when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

- 1 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For ¹strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul:
They have not set God before them. [Selah]
- 4 Behold, God is mine helper:
The Lord is ²of them that uphold my soul.
- 5 ³He shall requite the evil unto ⁴mine enemies:
Destroy thou them in thy truth.
- 6 With a freewill offering will I sacrifice unto thee:
I will give thanks unto thy name, O LORD, for it is
good.
- 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;
And mine eye hath seen *my desire* upon mine enemies.

¹ See Ps.
lxxxvi. 14.

² Or, *with*

³ Another
reading is,
*The evil shall
return.*

⁴ Or, *them
that lie in
wait for me*

55 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments.
Maschil of David.

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
- 2 Attend unto me, and answer me:
I am restless in my complaint, and moan;
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they cast iniquity upon me,
And in anger they persecute me.
- 4 My heart is sore pained within me:
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
- 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
- 6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!
Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
- 7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah]
- 8 I would ⁵haste me to a shelter
From the stormy wind and tempest.

⁵ Or, *hasten
my escape*

¹ Heb.
Swallow up.

¹ Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongue : 9
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof : 10
Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
Wickedness is in the midst thereof : 11

² Or, *Fraud*

² Oppression and guile depart not from her streets.
For it was not an enemy that reproached me ; 12
Then I could have borne it :
Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify him-
self against me ;
Then I would have hid myself from him :
But it was thou, a man mine equal, 13
My companion, and my familiar friend.
We took sweet counsel together, 14
We walked in the house of God with the throng.

³ Or, as
otherwise
read,
Desolations
be upon
them !

³ Let death come suddenly upon them, 15
Let them go down alive into ⁴ the pit :
For wickedness is in their dwelling, in ⁵ the midst of
them.

⁴ Heb. *Sheol.*

⁵ Or, *their*
inward part

As for me, I will call upon God ; 16
And the LORD shall save me.
Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I com- 17
plain, and moan :
And he shall hear my voice.

⁶ Or, *so that*
none came
nigh me

He hath redeemed my soul in peace ⁶ from the battle 18
that was against me :

⁷ Or, *afflict*

For they were many *that strove* with me.
God shall hear, and ⁷ answer them, 19
Even he that abideth of old, [Selah
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.

He hath put forth his hands against such as were at 20
peace with him :

He hath profaned his covenant.
His mouth was smooth as butter, 21
But his heart was war :

His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.

⁸ Heb. *that*
he hath given
thee.

Cast ⁸ thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain 22
thee :

He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction :

Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days ;

But I will trust in thee.

56 For the Chief Musician ; set to ¹Jonath elem rehokim. *A Psalm of David : Michtam : when the Philistines took him in Gath.*

1 Be merciful unto me, O God ; for man would swallow me up :

All the day long he fighting oppresseseth me.

2 ²Mine enemies would swallow me up all the day long : For they be many that fight proudly against me.

3 What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word :

In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid ; What can flesh do unto me ?

5 All the day long they wrest my words : All their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, They mark my steps,

³Even as they have waited for my soul.

7 ⁴Shall they escape by iniquity ? In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings : Put thou my tears into thy bottle ; Are they not in thy ⁵book ?

9 Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day that I call : This I know, ⁶that God is for me.

10 In God will I praise *his* word : In the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid ; What can man do unto me ?

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God : I will render thank offerings unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death : *Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling ?*

That I may walk before God

In the light of ⁷the living.

¹ That is, *The silent dove of them that are afar off* or, as otherwise read, *The dove of the distant terebinths*
² Or, *They that lie in wait for me*

³ Or, *Inasmuch as*
⁴ Or, *They think to escape*

⁵ Or, *record*

⁶ Or, *for*

⁷ Or, *life*

For the Chief Musician ; *set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David:* **57**
 Michtam : when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me ; 1
 For my soul taketh refuge in thee :

¹ Or,
wickednesses

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,
 Until *these* ¹ calamities be overpast.
 I will cry unto God Most High ; 2
 Unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me, 3
When he that would swallow me up reproacheth ; [Selah
 God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

² Or, *I must lie*

My soul is among lions ; 4
² I lie among them that are set on fire,
 Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and
 arrows,

And their tongue a sharp sword.
 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; 5
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

They have prepared a net for my steps ; 6
 My soul is bowed down :

They have digged a pit before me ;
 They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. [Selah
 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : 7

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
 Awake up, my glory ; awake, psaltery and harp : 8

³ Or, *I will awake the dumb*

³ I myself will awake right early.
 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the 9
 peoples :

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, 10
 And thy truth unto the skies.

⁴ Or, *Is the righteousness ye should speak dumb ?*

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; 11
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

⁵ Or, as otherwise read, *O ye gods*

For the Chief Musician ; *set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of* **58**
 David : Michtam.

or, *O ye mighty ones*

⁴ Do ye indeed ⁵ in silence speak righteousness ? 1

⁶ Or, *judge uprightly the sons of men*

Do ye ⁶ judge uprightly, O ye sons of men ?
 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness ; 2

- Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb :
 They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
 4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent :
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear ;
 5 Which hearkeneth not to the voice of ¹ charmers,
 Charming never so wisely.
 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth :
 Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
 7 Let them melt away as water that runneth apace :
 When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they
 were cut off.
 8 *Let them be* as a snail which melteth and passeth away :
Like the untimely birth of a woman, ² that hath not
 seen the sun.
 9 Before your pots can feel the thorns,
³ He shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green
 and the burning alike.
 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the ven-
 geance :
 He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
 11 So that men shall say, Verily there is ⁴ a reward for
 the righteous :
 Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

¹ Or,
enchanters

² Or, like
them that
have not seen
the sun

³ Or, Even as
raw flesh,
even so, shall
fury sweep
them away

⁴ Heb. fruit.

59 For the Chief Musician ; set to Al-tashheth. *A Psalm* of
 David : Michtam : when Saul sent, and they watched the
 house to kill him.

- 1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God :
 Set me on high from them that rise up against me.
 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
 And save me from the bloodthirsty men.
 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul ;
 The mighty gather themselves together against me :
 Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
 4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault :
 Awake thou to ⁵ help me, and behold.
 5 Even thou, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Arise to visit all the ⁶ heathen :
 Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Selah]
 6 They return at evening, they make a noise like a dog,

⁵ Heb. meet.

⁶ Or, nations

And go round about the city.

Behold, they belch out with their mouth ; 7

Swords are in their lips :

For who, *say they*, doth hear ?

But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them ; 8

¹ Or, *nations* Thou shalt have all the ¹ heathen in derision.

² So some ancient authorities. ² O my strength, I will wait upon thee : 9

The Hebrew text has, *His strength*. For God is my high tower.

³ According to some ancient authorities, *My God with his mercy*. ³ The God of my mercy shall prevent me : 10

⁴ Or, *them that lie in wait for me* God shall let me see *my desire* upon ⁴ mine enemies.

⁵ Or, *Make them wander to and fro* Slay them not, lest my people forget : 11

⁵ Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,

O Lord our shield.

For the sin of their mouth, *and* the words of their lips, 12

Let them even be taken in their pride,

And for cursing and lying which they speak.

Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be 13

no more :

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,

Unto the ends of the earth. [Selah

And at evening let them return, let them make a noise 14

like a dog,

And go round about the city.

They shall wander up and down for meat, 15

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

But I will sing of thy strength ; 16

Yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning :

For thou hast been my high tower,

And a refuge in the day of my distress.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises : 17

For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

⁶ That is, *The lily of testimony*.

For the Chief Musician ; set to ⁶ Shushan Eduth : Michtam 60

of David, to teach : when he strove with Aram-naharaim

and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of

Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us 1
down ;

Thou hast been angry ; O restore us again.

Thou hast made the land to tremble ; thou hast 2
rent it :

- Heal the breaches thereof ; for it shaketh.
- 3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things :
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
- 4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
¹That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Selah ¹ Many ancient authorities render, *That they may flee from before the bow.*
- 5 That thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with thy right hand, and answer ² us. ² Another reading is, *me.*
- 6 God hath spoken in his holiness ; I will exult :
I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine ;
Ephraim also is the defence of mine head ;
Judah is my ³ sceptre.
- 8 Moab is my washpot ;
⁴ Upon Edom will I cast my shoe :
Philistia, shout thou because of me.
- 9 Who will bring me into the strong city ?
⁵ Who hath led me unto Edom ?
- 10 ⁶ Hast not thou, O God, cast us off ?
And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
- 11 Give us help against the adversary :
For vain is the ⁷ help of man.
- 12 Through God we shall do valiantly :
For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.
- 61** For the Chief Musician ; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm*
of David.
- 1 Hear my cry, O God ;
Attend unto my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when
my heart ⁸ is overwhelmed :
Lead me to ⁹ the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.
- 4 I will dwell in thy ¹⁰ tabernacle for ever :
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Selah
- 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows :
Thou hast ¹¹ given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy
name.
- 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life :
His years shall be as many generations.

³ Or,
lawgiver

⁴ Or, *Unto*

⁵ Or, *Who will lead me &c.*

⁶ Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest . . . hosts ?*

⁷ Heb.
salvation.

⁸ Or,
fainteth
⁹ Or, *a rock that is too high for me*

¹⁰ Heb. *tent.*

¹¹ Or, *given an heritage unto those &c.*

He shall abide before God for ever : 7
 O prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may
 preserve him.
 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, 8
 That I may daily perform my vows.

For the Chief Musician ; after the manner of Jeduthun. 62
 A Psalm of David.

¹ Heb. *is
silent unto
God.*

My soul ¹ waiteth only upon God : 1
 From him *cometh* my salvation.
 He only is my rock and my salvation : 2
He is my high tower ; I shall not be greatly moved.
 How long will ye set upon a man, 3

² Or, as
otherwise
read, *Ye
shall be slain
&c.*

² That ye may slay *him*, all of you,
 Like a bowing wall, like a tottering fence ?
 They only consult to thrust him down from his 4
 excellency ;

They delight in lies :
 They bless with their mouth, but they curse in-
 wardly. [Selah

³ Heb. *be
thou silent
unto God.*

My soul, ³ wait thou only upon God ; 5
 For my expectation is from him.
 He only is my rock and my salvation : 6
He is my high tower ; I shall not be moved.
 With God is my salvation and my glory : 7
 The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, ye people ; 8
 Pour out your heart before him :

God is a refuge for us. [Selah

⁴ Heb. *a
breath.*

Surely men of low degree are ⁴ vanity, and men of high 9
 degree are a lie :

In the balances they will go up ;
 They are together lighter than ⁴ vanity.
 Trust not in oppression, 10
 And become not vain in robbery :
 If riches increase, set not your heart *thereon*.
 God hath spoken once, 11
 Twice have I heard this ;
 That power belongeth unto God :
 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy : 12
 For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

63 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- 1 O God, thou art my God ; ¹ early will I seek thee : ¹ Or, earnestly
 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
 In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
- 2 So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
 To see thy power and thy glory.
- 3 For thy lovingkindness is better than life ;
 My lips shall praise thee.
- 4 So will I bless thee while I live :
 I will lift up my hands in thy name.
- 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with ² marrow and fatness ; ² Heb. fat.
 And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips ;
- 6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
³ And meditate on thee in the night watches. ³ Or, I meditate
- 7 For thou hast been my help,
 And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 8 My soul followeth hard after thee :
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.
- 9 But those that seek my soul, ⁴ to destroy it, ⁴ Or, shall be destroyed ; they shall &c.
 Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
- 10 They shall be ⁵ given over to the power of the sword : ⁵ Or, poured out by
 They shall be a portion for ⁶ foxes. ⁶ Or, jackals
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God :
 Every one that sweareth by him shall glory ;
 For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint :
 Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers ;
 From the ⁷ tumult of the workers of iniquity : ⁷ Or, throng
- 3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
 And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words :
- 4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect :
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
- 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose ;
 They commune of laying snares privily ;
 They say, Who shall see them ?
- 6 They search out iniquities ; ⁸ We have accomplished, ⁸ Or, as otherwise read, they have accomplished or have hidden
 say they, a diligent search :

And the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.

But God shall shoot at them ; 7

With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.

¹ Or, *So shall they against whom their tongue was made them to stumble*

¹ So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them : 8

All that see them shall ² wag the head.

And all men shall fear ; 9

² Or, *flee away*

And they shall declare the work of God,

And shall wisely consider of his doing.

The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him ; 10

And all the upright in heart shall glory.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David. **65**

³ Or, *There shall be silence before thee, and praise, O God &c.*

³ Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion : 1

And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, 2

Unto thee shall all flesh come.

⁴ Heb. *Words (or, Matters) of iniquities.*

⁴ Iniquities prevail against me : 3

As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee*, 4

That he may dwell in thy courts :

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,

The holy place of thy temple.

By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness, 5

O God of our salvation ;

Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

⁵ Or, *And of the sea, afar off*

⁵ And of them that are afar off upon the sea : 6

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains ;

Being girded about with might :

Which stilleth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, 7

And the tumult of the peoples.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens : 8

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, 9

Thou greatly enrichest it ;

The river of God is full of water :

Thou providest them corn, ¹ when thou hast so prepared ² the earth.

¹ Or, *for so
preparest
thou*

10 Thou waterest her furrows abundantly ;

Thou ³ settlest the ridges thereof :

² Heb. *her.*

Thou makest it soft with showers ;

³ Heb.
lowerest.

Thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest ⁴ the year with thy goodness ;

And thy paths drop fatness.

⁴ Heb. *the
year of thy
goodness.*

12 ⁵ They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness :

And the hills are girded with joy.

⁵ Or, *The
pastures . . .
do drop*

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks ;

The valleys also are covered over with corn ;

They shout for joy, they also sing.

66

For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth :

2 Sing forth the glory of his name :

Make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works !

Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies

⁶ submit themselves unto thee.

⁶ Or, *yield
feigned
obedience
Heb. lie.*

4 All the earth shall worship thee,

And shall sing unto thee ;

They shall sing to thy name.

[Selah

5 Come, and see the works of God ;

He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land :

They went through the river on foot :

There ⁷ did we rejoice in him.

⁷ Or, *let us
rejoice*

7 He ruleth by his might for ever ;

His eyes observe the nations :

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

[Selah

8 O bless our God, ye peoples,

And make the voice of his praise to be heard :

9 Which ⁸ holdeth our soul in life,

And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

⁸ Heb.
putteth.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us :

Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net ; 11
 Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.
 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads ; 12
 We went through fire and through water ;
 But thou broughtest us out into ¹a wealthy place.
 I will come into thy house with burnt offerings, 13
 I will pay thee my vows,
 Which my lips have uttered, 14
 And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in distress.
 I will offer unto thee burnt offerings of fatlings, 15
 With the incense of rams ;
 I will offer bullocks with goats. [Selah
 Come, and hear, all ye that fear God, 16
 And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
 I cried unto him with my mouth, 17
 And ²he was extolled with my tongue.
 If I ³regard iniquity in my heart, 18
 The Lord ⁴will not hear :
 But verily God hath heard ; 19
 He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, 20
 Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy
 from me.

For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.

67

A Psalm, a Song.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, 1
 And cause his face to shine ⁵upon us ; [Selah
 That thy way may be known upon earth, 2
 Thy saving health among all nations.
 Let the peoples ⁶praise thee, O God ; 3
 Let all the peoples praise thee.
 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy : 4
 For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
 And ⁷govern the nations upon earth. [Selah
 Let the peoples praise thee, O God ; 5
 Let all the peoples praise thee.
 The earth hath yielded her increase : 6
 God, even our own God, shall bless us.
 God shall bless us ; 7
 And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

¹ Heb.
abundance.

² Or, as
otherwise
read, *high*
praise was
under my
tongue

³ Or, *had*
regarded

⁴ Or, *would*

⁵ Heb.
with us.

⁶ Or, *give*
thanks unto

⁷ Heb. *lead.*

68 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, a Song.

- 1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before
God:
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
- 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:
Cast up a high way for him that rideth through the
deserts;
His name is JAH; and exult ye before him.
- 5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 God ¹setteth the solitary in families:
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity:
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,
When thou didst march through the wilderness; [Selah
- 8 The earth trembled,
The heavens also dropped at the presence of God:
Even yon Sinai trembled at the presence of God, the
God of Israel.
- 9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was
weary.
- 10 Thy ²congregation dwelt therein:
Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.
- 11 The Lord giveth the word:
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.
- 12 Kings of armies flee, they flee:
And she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.
- 13 ³Will ye lie among the sheepfolds,
As the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her pinions with yellow gold?
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings therein,
⁴*It was as when* it snoweth in Zalmon.
- 15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;
⁵An high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.

¹ Heb.
*maketh the
solitary to
dwell in a
house.*

² Or, *troup*

³ Or, *When
ye lie among
the sheep-
folds, it is as
the wings . . .
gold.*

⁴ Or, *It
snowed*

⁵ Heb. *A
mountain of
summits.*

Why look ye askance, ye high mountains, 16
 At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode ?
 Yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.
 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thou- 17
 sands upon thousands :

¹ Or, *Sinai* is
 in the sanc-
 tuary

The Lord is among them, ¹*as in Sinai*, in the sanctuary.
 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led *thy* captivity 18
 captive ;

² Heb. *Jah*.
 See ver. 4.

³ Or, *dwelt*
 there

⁴ Or, *Blessed*
be the Lord
day by day :
if one op-
presseth us,
God is our
salvation

Thou hast received gifts among men,
 Yea, *among* the rebellious also, that ²the LORD God
 might ³*dwelt with them*.

⁴Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden, 19
 Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah

God is unto us a God of deliverances ; 20
 And unto JEHOVAH the Lord belong the issues from
 death.

But God shall smite through the head of his enemies, 21
 The hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his
 guiltiness.

The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, 22
 I will bring *them* again from the depths of the sea :
 That thou mayest dip thy foot in blood, 23
 That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from
thine enemies.

⁵ Or, *in the*
sanctuary
 Or, *in holi-*
ness

They have seen thy goings, O God, 24
 Even the goings of my God, my King, ⁵*into the*
 sanctuary.

The singers went before, the minstrels followed after, 25
 In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.

Bless ye God in the congregations, 26
 Even the Lord, *ye that are* of the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin their ruler, 27

⁶ Or,
company

The princes of Judah *and* their ⁶council,
 The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

⁷ Or, *Be*
strong, O
God, thou
that hast &c.

Thy God hath commanded thy strength : 28

⁸ Or, *hast*
wrought for
us out of thy
temple. Unto
Jerusalem
&c.

⁷Strengthen, O God, that which thou ⁸*hast wrought*
 for us.

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem 29

Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, 30

The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,

¹ Trampling under foot the pieces of silver ;

² He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt ;

³ Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ;

O sing praises unto the Lord ;

[Selah

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old ;

Lo, he uttereth his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God :

His excellency is over Israel,

And his strength is in the skies.

35 ⁴ O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places :

The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto *his* people.

Blessed be God.

¹ Or, Every one submitting himself with pieces of silver

² Or, as otherwise read, Scatter thou

³ Heb. *Cush*.

⁴ Or, Terrible is God

69

For the Chief Musician ; set to ⁵ Shoshannim.

A Psalm of David.

⁵ That is, *Lilies*.

1 Save me, O God ;

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing :

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying ; my throat is dried :

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head :

They that would cut me off, being mine enemies ⁶ wrongfully, are mighty :

Then I ⁷ restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness ;

And my ⁸ sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed through me, O Lord God of hosts :

Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonour through me, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach ;

⁶ Heb. *falsely*.

⁷ Or, *had to restore*

⁸ Heb. *guiltinesses*.

Shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren, 8

And an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up ; 9

And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are
fallen upon me.

When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, 10

That was to my reproach.

When I made sackcloth my clothing, 11

I became a proverb unto them.

They that sit in the gate talk of me ; 12

And *I am* the song of the drunkards.

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an 13
acceptable time :

O God, in the multitude of thy mercy,

Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink : 14

Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out
of the deep waters.

Let not the waterflood overwhelm me, 15

Neither let the deep swallow me up ;

And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Answer me, O LORD ; for thy lovingkindness is good : 16

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn
thou unto me.

And hide not thy face from thy servant ; 17

For I am in distress ; answer me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it : 18

Ransom me because of mine enemies.

Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my 19
dishonour :

Mine adversaries are all before thee.

Reproach hath broken my heart ; and I am ¹ full of 20
heaviness :

And I looked for some to take pity, but there was
none ;

And for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me also ² gall for my meat ; 21

And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table before them become a snare ; 22

And when they are in peace, *let it become* a trap.

¹ Or, *sore sick*

² See Deut. xxix. 18.

- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not ;
And make their loins continually to shake.
- 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake them.
- 25 Let their ¹ habitation be desolate ;
Let none dwell in their tents. ¹ Or, encampment
- 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten ;
And they tell of the ² sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded. ² Or, pain
- 27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity :
And let them not come into thy righteousness.
- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of ³ life,
And not be written with the righteous. ³ Or, the living
- 29 But I am poor and ⁴ sorrowful : ⁴ Or, in pain
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
- 30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- 31 And it shall please the LORD better than an ox,
Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
- 32 The meek have seen it, and are glad :
Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.
- 33 For the LORD heareth the needy,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
- 34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
- 35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah ;
And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
- 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it ;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

70 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David ; ⁵ to bring to remembrance. ⁵ Or, to make memorial

- 1 ⁶ *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me ;
Make haste to help me, O LORD. ⁶ See Ps. xl. 13—17.
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded
That seek after my soul :
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.
- 3 Let them be turned back ⁷ by reason of their shame
That say, Aha, Aha. ⁷ Or, for a reward of

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee ; 4
 And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
 Let God be magnified.
 But I am poor and needy ; 5
 Make haste unto me, O God :
 Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
 O LORD, make no tarrying.

¹ See Ps.
 xxxi. 1—3.

¹ In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust : 71
 Let me never be ashamed.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me : 2
 Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

² According
 to some
 ancient au-
 thorities, a
 strong rock,
 whereunto
 &c.

Be thou to me ² a rock of habitation, whereunto I may ³
 continually resort :

Thou hast given commandment to save me ;
 For thou art my rock and my fortress.
 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, 4
 Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God : 5
Thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up from the womb : 6

³ Or, *Thou*
hast been my
benefactor
from &c.

³ Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels :
 My praise shall be continually of thee.

I am as a wonder unto many ; 7

But thou art my strong refuge.

My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, 8
 And with thy honour all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age ; 9

Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

For mine enemies speak concerning me ; 10

And they that watch for my soul take counsel to-
 gether,

Saying, God hath forsaken him : 11

Pursue and take him ; for there is none to deliver.

O God, be not far from me : 12

O my God, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed *and* consumed that are adver- 13
 saries to my soul ;

Let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that
 seek my hurt.

But I will hope continually, 14

- And will praise thee yet more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,
And of thy salvation all the day;
 For I know not the numbers *thereof*.
- 16 I will come ¹ with the mighty acts of the Lord God: ¹ Or, *in the strength*
 I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of
 thine only.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;
 And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
- 18 Yea, even ² when I am old and grayheaded, O God, ² Heb. *unto old age and gray hairs.*
 forsake me not;
 Until I have declared ³ thy strength unto *the next* ³ Heb. *thine arm.*
 generation,
 Thy might to every one that is to come.
- 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high;
 Thou who hast done great things,
 O God, who is like unto thee?
- 20 Thou, which hast shewed ⁴ us many and sore troubles, ⁴ Another reading is, *me.*
 Shalt quicken ⁴ us again,
 And shalt bring ⁴ us up again from the depths of the
 earth.
- 21 Increase thou my greatness,
 And turn again and comfort me.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
Even thy truth, O my God:
 Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
 O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises unto
 thee;
 And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the
 day long:
 For they are ashamed, for they are confounded, that
 seek my hurt.

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A Psalm of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king thy judgements, O God,
 And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 ⁵ He shall judge thy people with righteousness,
 And thy poor with judgement. ⁵ Or, *Let him and so throughout the Psalm.*

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, 3
And the hills, in righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, 4
He shall save the children of the needy,
And shall break in pieces the oppressor.

¹ Heb. *before the moon.*

They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, 5
And ¹so long as the moon, throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass : 6
As showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish ; 7
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

² See Exod. xxiii. 31.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, 8
And from ²the River unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before 9
him ;

³ Or, *render tribute*

And his enemies shall lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall ³bring 10
presents :

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
Yea, all kings shall fall down before him : 11
All nations shall serve him.

⁴ Or, *and him that hath*

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ; 12
And the poor, ⁴that hath no helper.

⁵ Or, *weak*

He shall have pity on the ⁵poor and needy, 13
And the souls of the needy he shall save.

⁶ Or, *fraud*

He shall redeem their soul from ⁶oppression and 14
violence ;

⁷ Or, *he*

And precious shall their blood be in his sight :
And ⁷they shall live ; and to him shall be given of the 15
gold of Sheba :

And men shall pray for him continually ;

⁷They shall bless him all the day long.

⁸ Or, *an handful*

There shall be ⁸abundance of corn in the ⁹earth upon 16
the top of the mountains ;

⁹ Or, *land*

The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the
earth.

¹⁰ Or, *have issue*

His name shall endure for ever ; 17

¹¹ Heb. *before the sun.*

His name shall ¹⁰be continued ¹¹as long as the
sun :

And men shall ¹ be blessed in him ;
All nations shall call him happy.

¹ Or, *bless themselves*

- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things :
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK III.

73

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 ¹ Surely God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone ;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the ² arrogant,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no ³ bands in their death :
But their strength is firm.
5 They are not ⁴ in trouble as *other* men ;
Neither are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck ;
Violence covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness :
⁵ They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression :
They speak ⁶ loftily.
9 They have set their mouth ⁷ in the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 Therefore ⁸ his people return hither :
And waters of a full *cup* are ⁹ wrung out by them.
11 And they say, How doth God know ?

¹ Or, *Only good is God*

² Or, *fools*

³ Or, *pangs*

⁴ Heb. *in the trouble of men.*

⁵ Or, *The imaginations of their heart overflow*

⁶ Or, *from on high*

⁷ Or, *against*

⁸ Another reading is, *he will bring back his people.*

⁹ Or, *drained*

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| | And is there knowledge in the Most High ? | |
| | Behold, these are the wicked ; | 12 |
| | And, being alway at ease, they increase in riches. | |
| | Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart, | 13 |
| | And washed my hands in innocency ; | |
| | For all the day long have I been plagued, | 14 |
| ¹ Heb. <i>my chastisement</i> was. | And ¹ chastened every morning. | |
| | If I had said, I will speak thus ; | 15 |
| | Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children. | |
| | When I thought how I might know this, | 16 |
| ² Heb. <i>It was labour in mine eyes.</i> | ² It was too painful for me ; | |
| | Until I went into the sanctuary of God, | 17 |
| | And considered their latter end. | |
| | Surely thou settest them in slippery places : | 18 |
| ³ Heb. <i>ruins.</i> | Thou castest them down to ³ destruction. | |
| | How are they become a desolation in a moment ! | 19 |
| | They are utterly consumed with terrors. | |
| | As a dream when one awaketh ; | 20 |
| ⁴ Or, <i>in the city</i> | So, O Lord, ⁴ when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. | |
| ⁵ Heb. <i>was in a ferment.</i> | For my heart ⁵ was grieved, | 21 |
| | And I was pricked in my reins : | |
| ⁶ Or, <i>am</i> | So brutish ⁶ was I, and ignorant ; | 22 |
| ⁷ Heb. <i>with thee.</i> | I was <i>as</i> a beast ⁷ before thee. | |
| | Nevertheless I am continually with thee : | 23 |
| | Thou hast holden my right hand. | |
| | Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, | 24 |
| ⁸ Or, <i>with</i> | And afterward receive me ⁸ to glory. | |
| | Whom have I in heaven <i>but thee</i> ? | 25 |
| ⁹ Or, <i>with thee</i> | And there is none upon earth that I desire ⁹ beside thee. | |
| | My flesh and my heart faileth : | 26 |
| ¹⁰ Heb. <i>rock.</i> | But God is the ¹⁰ strength of my heart and my portion for ever. | |
| | For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish : | 27 |
| | Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. | |
| | But it is good for me to draw near unto God : | 28 |
| | I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, | |
| | That I may tell of all thy works. | |

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Maschil of Asaph.

- 1 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever ?
 Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy
 pasture ?
- 2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased
 of old,
 Which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of thine
 inheritance ;
And mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- 3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins,
¹All the evil that the enemy hath done in the sanctuary.
- 4 Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of thine
 assembly ;
 They have set up their ensigns for signs.
- 5 They ²seemed as men that lifted up
 Axes upon a thicket of trees.
- 6 And now all the carved work thereof together
 They break down with hatchet and hammers.
- 7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire ;
 They have profaned the dwelling place of thy name
 even to the ground.
- 8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them
 altogether :
 They have burned up all the ³synagogues of God in
 the land.
- 9 We see not our signs :
 There is no more any prophet ;
 Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
- 10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach ?
 Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever ?
- 11 Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right
 hand ?
Pluck it out of thy bosom and consume them.
- 12 Yet God is my King of old,
 Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- 13 Thou didst ⁴divide the sea by thy strength :
 Thou brakest the heads of the ⁵dragons in the waters.
- 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,

¹ Or, *The
 enemy hath
 wrought all
 evil*

² Or, *made
 themselves
 known*

³ Or, *places
 of assembly*

⁴ Heb.
break up.

⁵ Or,
sea-monsters

Thou gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting
the wilderness.

Thou didst cleave fountain and flood : 15

¹ Or, ever-
flowing

Thou driedst up ¹ mighty rivers.

The day is thine, the night also is thine : 16

² Heb.
luminary.

Thou hast prepared the ² light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth : 17

Thou hast made summer and winter.

³ Or, hath
reproached
the LORD

Remember this, that the enemy ³ hath reproached, O LORD,

And that a foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

⁴ Or, thy
turtledove
unto the
greedy mul-
titude

O deliver not ⁴ the soul of thy turtledove unto the wild
beast : 19

Forget not the ⁵ life of thy poor for ever.

⁵ Or,
multitude

Have respect unto the covenant : 20

⁶ Or, land

For the dark places of the ⁶ earth are full of the habi-
tations of violence.

O let not the oppressed return ashamed : 21

Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

Arise, O God, plead thine own cause : 22

Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all
the day.

Forget not the voice of thine adversaries : 23

⁷ Or, which
ascendeth

The tumult of those that rise up against thee ⁷ ascend-
eth continually.

For the Chief Musician ; set to Al-tashheth.

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A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

We give thanks unto thee, O God ; 1

⁸ Or, for that
thy name is
near thy won-
drous works
declare

We give thanks, ⁸ for thy name is near :

Men tell of thy wondrous works.

When I shall ⁹ find the set time, 2

⁹ Heb. take.

I will judge uprightly.

¹⁰ Or, When
the earth . . .
I set up

¹⁰ The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dis-
solved : 3

¹¹ Heb.
proportioned.

I have ¹¹ set up the pillars of it. [Selah

¹² Or, fools

I said unto the ¹² arrogant, Deal not arrogantly : 4

And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn :

¹³ Or, Speak
not insolently
with a
haughty
neck

Lift not up your horn on high ; 5

¹³ Speak not with a stiff neck.

For neither from the east, nor from the west, 6

- Nor yet ¹ from the ² south, *cometh* lifting up.
 7 But God is the judge :
 He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
 8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine ³ foameth ;
 It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same :
 Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall ⁴ wring them out, and drink them.
 9 But I will declare for ever,
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
 10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off ;
 But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

¹ Or, *from the wilderness of mountains*, cometh judgement

² Heb. *wilderness*.
³ Or, *is red*

⁴ Or, *drain*

76 For the Chief Musician ; on stringed instruments.
 A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- 1 In Judah is God known :
 His name is great in Israel.
 2 In Salem also is his ⁵ tabernacle,
 And his ⁶ dwelling place in Zion.
 3 There he brake the ⁷ arrows of the bow ;
 The shield, and the sword, and the battle. [Selah
 4 Glorious art thou *and* excellent, ⁸ from the mountains of prey.
 5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep ;
 And none of the men of might have found their hands.
 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
 Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
 7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared :
 And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry ?
 8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven ;
 The earth feared, and was still,
 9 When God arose to judgement,
 To save all the meek of the earth. [Selah
 10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee :
 The residue of wrath shalt thou ⁹ gird upon thee.
 11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God :
 Let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes :
 He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

⁵ Or, *covert*

⁶ Or, *lair*.

⁷ Or, *fiery shafts*
 Or, *lightnings*

⁸ Or, *more than*

⁹ Or, *restrain*

For the Chief Musician ; after the manner of Jeduthun. **77**

A Psalm of Asaph.

I will cry unto God with my voice ; 1
Even unto God with my voice, and he will give ear
unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord : 2
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked
not ;

My soul refused to be comforted.
I remember God, and am disquieted : 3

I complain, and my spirit ¹ is overwhelmed. [Selah

¹ Or, *fainteth* Thou holdest mine eyes watching : 4

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I have considered the days of old, 5

The years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night : 6

I commune with mine own heart ;

And my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever ? 7

And will he be favourable no more ?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever ? 8

Doth his promise fail for evermore ?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious ? 9

Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies ? [Selah

And I said, This is my infirmity ; 10

² Or, *That the right hand of the Most High doth change* ² But I will remember the years of the right hand of the
Most High.

I will make mention of the deeds of ³ the LORD ; 11

For I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also upon all thy work, 12

And muse on thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is ⁴ in the sanctuary : 13

Who is a great god like unto God ?

Thou art the God that doest wonders : 14

Thou hast made known thy strength among the
peoples.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, 15

The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah

The waters saw thee, O God ; 16

The waters saw thee, they ⁵ were afraid :

⁵ Or, *were in pain*

The depths also trembled.

17 The clouds poured out water ;

The skies sent out a sound :

Thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind ;

The lightnings lightened the world :

The earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way was in the sea,

And thy paths in the great waters,

And thy footsteps were not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,

By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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Maschil of Asaph.

1 Give ear, O my people, to my ¹ law :

Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

¹ Or,
teaching

2 I will open my mouth in a parable ;

I will utter dark sayings of old :

3 Which we have heard and known,

And our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children,

Telling to the generation to come the praises of the
LORD,

And his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath
done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,

And appointed a law in Israel,

Which he commanded our fathers,

That they should make them known to their chil-
dren :

6 That the generation to come might know *them*, even
the children which should be born ;

Who should arise and tell *them* to their children :

7 That they might set their hope in God,

And not forget the works of God,

But keep his commandments :

8 And might not be as their fathers,

A stubborn and rebellious generation ;

A generation ² that set not their heart aright,

And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

² Or, *that*
prepared not
their heart

The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying 9
 bows,
 Turned back in the day of battle.
 They kept not the covenant of God, 10
 And refused to walk in his law ;
 And they forgot his doings, 11
 And his wondrous works that he had shewed them.
 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, 12
 In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through ; 13
 And he made the waters to stand as an heap.
 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, 14
 And all the night with a light of fire.
 He clave rocks in the wilderness, 15
 And gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.
 He brought streams also out of the rock, 16
 And caused waters to run down like rivers.
 Yet went they on still to sin against him, 17
 To rebel against the Most High in ¹ the desert.
 And they tempted God in their heart 18
 By asking meat for their lust.
 Yea, they spake against God ; 19
 They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness ?
 Behold, he smote the rock, that waters gushed out, 20
 And streams overflowed ;
 Can he give bread also ?
 Will he provide flesh for his people ?
 Therefore the LORD heard, and was wroth : 21
 And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
 And anger also went up against Israel ;
 Because they believed not in God, 22
 And trusted not in his salvation.
 Yet he commanded the skies above, 23
 And opened the doors of heaven ;
 And he rained down manna upon them to eat, 24
 And gave them of the corn of heaven.
² Man did eat the bread of the mighty : 25
 He sent them meat to the full.
 He ³ caused the east wind to blow in the heaven : 26
 And by his power he guided the south wind.
 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, 27

¹ Or, a dry
land

² Or, Every
one

³ Heb. led
forth the east
wind.

- And winged fowl as the sand of the seas :
 28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
 Round about their habitations.
 29 So they did eat, and were well filled ;
 And he gave them that they lusted after.
 30 They were not estranged from their lust,
 Their meat was yet in their mouths,
 31 When the anger of God went up against them,
 And slew of the fattest of them,
 And smote down the young men of Israel.
 32 For all this they sinned still,
 And believed not in his wondrous works.
 33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
 And their years in terror.
 34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him :
 And they returned and sought God ¹ early.
 35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
 And the Most High God their redeemer.
 36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
 And lied unto him with their tongue.
 37 For their heart was not ² right with him,
 Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
 38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity,
 and destroyed *them* not :
 Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
 And did not stir up all his wrath.
 39 And he remembered that they were but flesh ;
 A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
 40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness,
 And grieve him in the desert !
 41 And they turned again and tempted God,
 And ³ provoked the Holy One of Israel.
 42 They remembered not his hand,
 Nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary.
 43 How he set his signs in Egypt,
 And his wonders in the field of Zoan ;
 44 And turned their rivers into blood,
 And their streams, that they could not drink.
 45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured
 them ;
 And frogs, which destroyed them.

¹ Or,
earnestly

² Or, stedfast

³ Or, limited

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| | He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, And their labour unto the locust. | 46 |
| ¹ Heb. <i>killed</i> . | He ¹ destroyed their vines with hail, And their sycomore trees with ² frost. | 47 |
| ² Or, <i>great hailstones</i> | He gave over their cattle also to the hail, And their flocks to hot thunderbolts. | 48 |
| | He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, | 49 |
| ³ Heb. <i>A sending</i> . | ³ A band of angels of evil. | |
| ⁴ Heb. <i>levelled</i> . | He ⁴ made a path for his anger ; He spared not their soul from death, | 50 |
| ⁵ Or, <i>their beasts to the murrain</i> | But gave ⁵ their life over to the pestilence ; And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, | 51 |
| ⁶ Heb. <i>beginning</i> . See Deut. xxi. 17. | The ⁶ chief of their strength in the tents of Ham : But he led forth his own people like sheep, And guided them in the wilderness like a flock. And he led them safely, so that they feared not : But the sea overwhelmed their enemies. | 52 53 |
| ⁷ Or, <i>his holy border</i> | And he brought them to ⁷ the border of his sanctuary, | 54 |
| ⁸ Or, <i>moun- tain land</i> | To this ⁸ mountain, which his right hand had pur- chased. | |
| | He drove out the nations also before them, And allotted them for an inheritance by line, And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God, And kept not his testimonies ; But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers : They were turned aside like a deceitful bow. For they provoked him to anger with their high places, And moved him to jealousy with their graven images. When God heard <i>this</i> , he was wroth, And greatly abhorred Israel : So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, The tent which he placed among men ; And delivered his strength into captivity, And his glory into the adversary's hand. He gave his people over also unto the sword ; And was wroth with his inheritance. | 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 |

- 63 Fire devoured their young men ;
And their maidens had no marriage-song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword ;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,
Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his adversaries backward :
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds :
71 From following the ewes that give suck he brought
him,
To feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart ;
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O God, the ¹heathen are come into thine inheritance ; ¹ Or, *nations*
Thy holy temple have they defiled ;
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be
meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about
Jerusalem ;
And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, O LORD, wilt thou be angry for ever ?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire ?
6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that know thee
not,
And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob,

¹ Or, *pasture* And laid waste his ¹ habitation.
Remember not against us the iniquities of our fore- 8
fathers :
Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us :
For we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy 9
name :
And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy
name's sake.
Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God ? 10
Let the revenging of the blood of thy servants which
is shed
Be known among the heathen in our sight.
Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee ; 11
According to the greatness of ² thy power preserve thou
³ those that are appointed to death ;
And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their 12
bosom
Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee,
O Lord.
So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture 13
Will give thee thanks for ever :
We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

² Heb.
thine arm.

³ Heb.
*the children
of death.*

⁴ That is,
*Lilies, a
testimony.*

For the Chief Musician ; set to ⁴ Shoshannim Eduth.
A Psalm of Asaph.

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⁵ Or, *dweldest
between*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, 1
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock ;
Thou that ⁵ sittest upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up 2
thy might,
And come to save us.

⁶ Or, *Restore*

⁶ Turn us again, O God ; 3
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

⁷ Heb, *will
thou smoke.*
See Ps.
lxxiv. 1.

O LORD God of hosts, 4
How long ⁷ wilt thou be angry against the prayer of
thy people ?
Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, 5
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours : 6

And our enemies laugh among themselves.

- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
- 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:
Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst it.
- 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,
And ¹the boughs thereof were *like* ²cedars of God.
- 11 She sent out her branches unto the sea,
And her shoots unto the River.
- 12 Why hast thou broken down her fences,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
- 13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,
And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
- 14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this
vine,
- 15 And ³the stock which thy right hand hath planted,
And the ⁴branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
- 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for
thyself.
- 18 So shall we not go back from thee:
Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
- 19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts;
Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

¹ Or, *the cedars of God with the boughs thereof*
² Or, *goodly cedars*

³ Or, *protect (or maintain) that which &c.*
⁴ Heb. *son.*

81 For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Sing aloud unto God our strength:
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Take up the psalm, and ⁵bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵ Or, *strike the timbrel*

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| | He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, | 5 |
| ¹ Or, <i>against</i> | When he went out ¹ over the land of Egypt : | |
| ² Or, <i>the speech of one that &c.</i> | Where I heard ² a language that I knew not. | |
| | I removed his shoulder from the burden: | 6 |
| | His hands were freed from the basket. | |
| | Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee ; | 7 |
| | I answered thee in the secret place of thunder ; | |
| | I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. [Selah | |
| | Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: | 8 |
| | O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me ! | |
| | There shall no strange god be in thee ; | 9 |
| | Neither shalt thou worship any strange god. | |
| | I am the LORD thy God, | 10 |
| | Which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt : | |
| | Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. | |
| | But my people hearkened not to my voice ; | 11 |
| | And Israel would none of me. | |
| | So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart, | 12 |
| | That they might walk in their own counsels. | |
| | Oh that my people would hearken unto me, | 13 |
| | That Israel would walk in my ways ! | |
| | I should soon subdue their enemies, | 14 |
| | And turn my hand against their adversaries. | |
| ³ Or, <i>yield feigned obedience</i> Heb. <i>lie</i> . | The haters of the LORD should ³ submit themselves | 15 |
| | unto him : | |
| | But their time should endure for ever. | |
| ⁴ Heb. <i>fat of wheat</i> . | He should feed them also with the ⁴ finest of the wheat : | 16 |
| | And with honey out of the rock should I satisfy thee. | |

A Psalm of Asaph.

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| | God standeth in the congregation of God ; | 1 |
| | He judgeth among the gods. | |
| | How long will ye judge unjustly, | 2 |
| | And respect the persons of the wicked ? [Selah | |
| ⁵ Or, <i>weak</i> | Judge the ⁵ poor and fatherless : | 3 |
| | Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. | |
| | Rescue the ⁵ poor and needy : | 4 |
| | Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked. | |
| | They know not, neither do they understand ; | 5 |
| | They walk to and fro in darkness : | |
| | All the foundations of the earth are moved. | |

- 6 I said, Ye are gods,
And all of you sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth :
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

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A Song, a Psalm of Asaph

- 1 O God, keep not thou silence :
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult :
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,
And consult together against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from
being a nation ;
That the name of Israel may be no more in re-
membrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent ;
Against thee do they make a covenant :
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites ;
Moab, and the ¹ Hagarenes ;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek ;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre :
8 Assyria also is joined with them ;
² They have holpen the children of Lot.
9 Do thou unto them as unto Midian ;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon :
10 Which perished at En-dor ;
They became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb ;
Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna :
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession
The ³ habitations of God.
13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust ;
As stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire that burneth the forest,
And as the flame that setteth the mountains on fire ;
15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
And terrify them with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with confusion ;

¹ Or,
Hagrites
See 1 Chr.
v. 10.

[Selah ² Heb. *They have been an arm to the children of Lot.*

³ Or,
pastures

That they may seek thy name, O LORD.
 Let them be ashamed and dismayed for ever ; 17
 Yea, let them be confounded and perish :
 That they may know that ¹ thou alone, whose name is 18
 JEHOVAH,
 Art the Most High over all the earth.

¹ Or, *thou,*
whose name
alone is
JEHOVAH,
art &c.

For the Chief Musician ; set to the Gittith.
 A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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² Or, *lovely* How ² amiable are thy tabernacles, 1
 O LORD of hosts !
 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the 2
 LORD ;
³ Or, *sing for* My heart and my flesh ³ cry out unto the living God.
joy Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, 3
 And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay
 her young,
 Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
 My King, and my God.
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : 4
 They will be still praising thee. [Selah
 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ; 5
 In whose heart are the high ways *to Zion*.
⁴ Or, *balsam* Passing through the valley of ⁴ Weeping they make it 6
trees a place of springs ;
 Heb. *Baca*.
 See 2 Sam.
 v. 23. Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
 They go from strength to strength, 7
 Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer : 8
 Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah
⁵ Or, *Behold* ⁵ Behold, O God our shield, 9
our shield,
O God And look upon the face of thine anointed.
 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. 10
⁶ Or, *stand at* I had rather ⁶ be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
the threshold Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
of &c. For the LORD God is a sun and a shield : 11
 The LORD will give grace and glory :
 No good thing will he withhold from them that walk
 uprightly.
 O LORD of hosts, 12
 Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

85 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah.

- 1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land :
Thou hast ¹ brought back the captivity of Jacob. 1 Or,
returned to
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people,
Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah]
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath :
Thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine
anger.
- 4 ² Turn us, O God of our salvation, 2 Or,
Turn to us
And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
- 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations ?
- 6 Wilt thou not quicken us again :
That thy people may rejoice in thee ?
- 7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak :
For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his
saints :
But let them not turn again to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him ;
That glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together ;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth springeth out of the earth ;
And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good ;
And our land shall yield her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him ;
And shall ³ make his footsteps a way *to walk in*. 3 Or, set us
in the way of
his steps

86 A Prayer of David.

- 1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and answer me ;
For I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my soul ; for I am godly :
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
- 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord ;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant ; 4
 For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, 5
 And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon
 thee.
 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer ; 6
 And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.
 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee ; 7
 For thou wilt answer me.
 There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord ; 8
 Neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.
 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and wor- 9
 ship before thee, O Lord ;
 And they shall glorify thy name.
 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : 10
 Thou art God alone.
 Teach me thy way, O LORD ; I will walk in thy truth : 11
 Unite my heart to fear thy name.
 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole 12
 heart ;
 And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
 For great is thy mercy toward me ; - 13
 And thou hast delivered my soul from ¹ the lowest pit.
 O God, the proud are risen up against me, 14
 And the congregation of violent men have sought after
 my soul,
 And have not set thee before them.
 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and 15
 gracious,
 Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
 O turn unto me, and ² have mercy upon me ; 16
 Give thy strength unto thy servant,
 And save the son of thine handmaid.
 Shew me a token for good ; 17
 That they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed,
 Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

¹ Or, *Sheol*
beneath

² Or, *be*
gracious unto

³ Or, *His*
foundation
in the holy
mountains
the LORD
loveth, even
the gates &c.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah ; a Song.

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³ His foundation is in the holy mountains. 1
 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion 2
 More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

- 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God. [Selah
- 4 I will make mention of ¹ Rahab and Babylon as among ¹ Or, *Egypt*
them that know me :
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with ² Ethiopia ; ² Heb. *Cush*.
This one was born there.
- 5 Yea, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was
born in her ;
And the Most High himself shall establish her.
- 6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the peoples,
This one was born there. [Selah ³ Or, *the*
players on
instruments
shall be
there
- 7 They that sing as well as ³ they that dance *shall say*,
All my fountains are in thee.

88 A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah ; for the Chief Musi-
cian ; set to Mahalath ⁴ Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the ⁴ Or, *for*
Ezrahite. *singing*

- 1 O LORD, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee :
- 2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence ;
Incline thine ear unto my cry :
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto ⁵ Sheol. ⁵ Or, *the*
grave
- 4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit ;
I am as a man that hath no help :
- 5 ⁶ Cast off among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more ;
And they are cut off from thy hand. ⁶ Or, *Cast away*
- 6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.
- 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. [Selah
- 8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me ;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them :
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
- 9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction :
I have called daily upon thee, O LORD,
I have spread forth my hands unto thee. ⁷ Or, *the*
shades
Heb.
Rephaim.
- 10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ?
Shall ⁷ they that are deceased arise and praise thee? [Selah

¹ Heb.
Abaddon.
See Job
xxvi. 6.

Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? 11
Or thy faithfulness in ¹Destruction?
Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? 12
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
But unto thee, O LORD, have I cried, 13
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
LORD, why castest thou off my soul? 14
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: 15
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
Thy fierce wrath is gone over me; 16
Thy terrors have cut me off.
They came round about me like water all the day long; 17
They compassed me about together.
Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, 18
And mine acquaintance ²into darkness.

² Or, *are*
darkness

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

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I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: 1
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to
all generations.
For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever; 2
Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very
heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen, 3
I have sworn unto David my servant;
Thy seed will I establish for ever, 4
And build up thy throne to all generations. [Selah
And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD; 5
Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies can be compared unto the LORD? 6

³ Or, *sons of*
God

⁴ Or, *gods*
See Ps.
xxix. 1.

Who among the ³sons of the ⁴mighty is like unto the
LORD,
A God very terrible in the council of the holy ones, 7
And to be feared above all them that are round about
him?
O LORD God of hosts, 8
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O JAH?
And thy faithfulness is round about thee.
Thou rulest the pride of the sea: 9
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

- 10 Thou hast broken ¹ Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain ;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm of thy strength.
- 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
- 12 The north and the south, thou hast created them :
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.
- 13 Thou hast ² a mighty arm :
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and judgement are the foundation of thy throne :
Mercy and truth go before thy face.
- 15 Blessed is the people that know the ³ joyful sound :
They walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.
- 16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day :
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.
- 17 For thou art the glory of their strength :
And in thy favour ⁴ our horn shall be exalted.
- 18 For our shield belongeth unto the LORD ;
⁵ And our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- 19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy ⁶ saints,
And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty ;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant ;
With my holy oil have I anointed him :
- 21 With whom my hand shall be established ;
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not ⁷ exact upon him ;
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
- 23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him,
And smite them that hate him.
- 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him ;
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand also on the sea,
And his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.
- 27 I also will make him *my* firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.

¹ Or, *Egypt*² Heb. *an arm with might.*³ Or, *trumpet sound*⁴ Another reading is, *thou shalt exalt our horn.*⁵ Or, *Even to the Holy One of Israel our King*⁶ Many MSS. and ancient versions read the plural. Other authorities have the singular.⁷ Or, *do him violence*

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| | My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, | 28 |
| ¹ Or, <i>be faithful</i> | And my covenant shall ¹ stand fast with him. | |
| | His seed also will I make to endure for ever, | 29 |
| | And his throne as the days of heaven. | |
| | If his children forsake my law, | 30 |
| | And walk not in my judgements ; | |
| ² Heb. <i>profane</i> . | If they ² break my statutes, | 31 |
| | And keep not my commandments ; | |
| | Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, | 32 |
| | And their iniquity with stripes. | |
| | But my mercy will I not utterly take from him, | 33 |
| | Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. | |
| | My covenant will I not ² break, | 34 |
| | Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. | |
| ³ Or, <i>One thing</i> | ³ Once have I sworn by my holiness ; | 35 |
| | I will not lie unto David ; | |
| | His seed shall endure for ever, | 36 |
| | And his throne as the sun before me. | |
| ⁴ Or, <i>As the moon which is established for ever, and as the faithful witness &c.</i> | ⁴ It shall be established for ever as the moon, | 37 |
| <i>or, and is a faithful witness &c.</i> | ⁵ And <i>as</i> the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah | |
| ⁵ Or, <i>And the witness in the sky is faithful</i> | But thou hast cast off and rejected, | 38 |
| | Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. | |
| | Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant : | 39 |
| | Thou hast profaned his crown <i>even</i> to the ground. | |
| | Thou hast broken down all his hedges ; | 40 |
| | Thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin. | |
| | All that pass by the way spoil him : | 41 |
| | He is become a reproach to his neighbours. | |
| | Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries ; | 42 |
| | Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice. | |
| | Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword, | 43 |
| | And hast not made him to stand in the battle. | |
| | Thou hast made his brightness to cease, | 44 |
| | And cast his throne down to the ground. | |
| | The days of his youth hast thou shortened : | 45 |
| | Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah | |
| | How long, O LORD, wilt thou hide thyself for ever ? | 46 |
| | <i>How long</i> shall thy wrath burn like fire ? | |
| | O remember how short my time is : | 47 |
| | For what vanity hast thou created all the children of men ! | |

- 48 What man is he that shall live and not see death,
That shall deliver his soul from the ¹power of ¹ Heb. *hand*.
²Sheol? [Selah ² Or, *the grave*
- 49 Lord, where are thy former mercies,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?
- 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants;
How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach* of all the
³mighty peoples; ³ Or, *many*
- 51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD,
Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine
anointed.
- 52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV.

- 90 A Prayer of Moses the man of God.
- 1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou ¹hadst formed the earth and the world, ¹ Heb. *gavest*
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. *birth to.*
- 3 Thou turnest man to ²destruction; ² Or, *dust*
And sayest, Return, ye children of men. *Heb. crushing.*
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday ³when it is past, ³ Or, *when*
And as a watch in the night. *it passeth*
- 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a
sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
- 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
- 7 For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.
- 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
- 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:

¹ Or, *a sound*
or *sigh*

We bring our years to an end as ¹a tale *that is told*.
 The days of our years are threescore years and ten, 10
 Or even by reason of strength fourscore years ;
 Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow ;
 For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
 Who knoweth the power of thine anger, 11
 And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto thee ?
 So teach us to number our days, 12
 That we may get us an heart of wisdom.
 Return, O LORD ; how long ? 13
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
 O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy ; 14
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast 15
 afflicted us,
 And the years wherein we have seen evil.
 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, 16
 And thy glory upon their children.
 And let the ²beauty of the LORD our God be upon us : 17
 And establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;
 Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

² See
Ps. xxvii. 4.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High 91
³Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress ; 2
 My God, in whom I trust.
 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, 3
 And from the noisome pestilence.
 He shall cover thee with his pinions, 4
 And under his wings shalt thou take refuge :
 His truth is a shield and a buckler.
 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, 5
 Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;
 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, 6
 Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
 A thousand shall fall at thy side, 7
 And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
 But it shall not come nigh thee.

⁴ Or, *Because*
thou hast
said, The
LORD is my
refuge ;

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, 8
 And see the reward of the wicked.
⁴For thou, O LORD, art my refuge ! 9

- Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation ;
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder :
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample
under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I
deliver him :
I will set him on high, because he hath known my
name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him ;
I will be with him in trouble :
I will deliver him, and honour him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him my salvation,

92 A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day.

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High :
2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
3 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the
psaltery ;
With a solemn sound upon the harp.
4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy
work :
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 How great are thy works, O LORD !
Thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not ;
Neither doth a fool understand this :
7 When the wicked spring as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish ;
It is that they shall be destroyed for ever :
8 But thou, O LORD, art on high for evermore.
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD,
For, lo, thine enemies shall perish ;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of the* 10
wild-ox :

I am anointed with fresh oil.

¹ Or, *them*
that lie in
wait for me

Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on ¹ mine enemies, 11

Mine ears have heard *my desire* of the evil-doers that
rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree : 12

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They that are planted in the house of the LORD 13

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ; 14

They shall be full of sap and green :

To shew that the LORD is upright ; 15

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The LORD reigneth ; he is apparelled with majesty ; 93

The LORD is apparelled, he hath girded himself with
strength :

The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old : 2

Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, 3

The floods have lifted up their voice ;

² Or, *roaring* The floods lift up their ² waves.

Above the voices of many waters, 4

The mighty breakers of the sea,

The LORD on high is mighty.

Thy testimonies are very sure : 5

Holiness becometh thine house,

O LORD, for evermore.

O LORD, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, 94

Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.

Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth : 2

Render to the proud *their* desert.

LORD, how long shall the wicked, 3

How long shall the wicked triumph ?

They prate, they speak arrogantly : 4

All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.

They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, 5

- And afflict thine heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say, ¹The LORD shall not see,
Neither shall the God of Jacob consider. ¹ Heb. *Jah*.
8 Consider, ye brutish among the people :
And ye fools, when will ye be wise ?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see ?
10 He that ²chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct,
Even he that teacheth man knowledge ? ² Or, *instructeth*
11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
³That they are ⁴vanity. ³ Or, *For*
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, ¹O LORD,
And teachest out of thy law ; ⁴ Heb. *a breath*.
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of
adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgement shall return unto righteousness :
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers ?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity ?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth ;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my ⁵thoughts within me ⁵ Or, *doubts*
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the ⁶throne of wickedness have fellowship with ⁶ Or, *seat*
thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute ?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of
the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the LORD hath been my high tower ;
And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own evil ;
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

O come, let us sing unto the LORD : 95

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, 2

Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, 3

And a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth ; 4

¹ Or, *strength* The ¹ heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, and he made it ; 5

And his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down ; 6

Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker :

For he is our God, 7

And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

² Or, *To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden &c.*

² To-day, Oh that ye would hear his voice !

Harden not your heart, as at ³ Meribah, 8

As in the day of ⁴ Massah in the wilderness :

³ That is, *strife.*

When your fathers tempted me, 9

Proved me, and saw my work.

⁴ That is, *temptation.*

Forty years long was I grieved with *that* generation, 10

And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,

And they have not known my ways :

Wherefore I swore in my wrath, 11

That they should not enter into my rest.

O sing unto the LORD a new song : 96

Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD, bless his name ; 2

Shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, 3

His marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised : 4

He is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ Or, *things of nought*

For all the gods of the peoples are ⁵ idols : 5

But the LORD made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him : 6

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples, 7

- Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
 8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name :
 Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 9 O worship the LORD ¹in the beauty of holiness :
 Tremble before him, all the earth. *¹ Or, in holy array*
 10 Say among the nations, The LORD reigneth :
 The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved :
 He shall judge the peoples with equity.
 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice ;
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;
 12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein ;
 Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy ;
 13 Before the LORD, for he cometh ;
 For he cometh to judge the earth :
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples ²with his truth. *² Or, in his faithfulness*
- 97** The LORD reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ;
 Let the multitude of isles be glad.
 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him :
 Righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.
 3 A fire goeth before him,
 And burneth up his adversaries round about.
 4 His lightnings lightened the world :
 The earth saw, and trembled.
 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
 At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
 And all the peoples have seen his glory.
 7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images,
 That boast themselves of idols :
 Worship him, all ye gods.
 8 Zion heard and was glad,
 And the daughters of Judah rejoiced ;
 Because of thy judgements, O LORD.
 9 For thou, LORD, art most high above all the earth :
 Thou art exalted far above all gods.
 10 O ye that love the LORD, hate evil :
 He preserveth the souls of his saints ;
 He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, 11
 And gladness for the upright in heart.
 Be glad in the LORD, ye righteous; 12
 And give thanks to his holy ¹name.

¹ Heb.
memorial.

A Psalm.

98

O sing unto the LORD a new song; 1
 For he hath done marvellous things:
 His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought sal-
 vation for him.
 The LORD hath made known his salvation: 2
 His righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight
 of the nations.
 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness 3
 toward the house of Israel:
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
 God.
 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: 4
 Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
 Sing praises unto the LORD with the harp; 5
 With the harp and the voice of melody.
 With trumpets and sound of cornet 6
 Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; 7
 The world, and they that dwell therein;
 Let the floods clap their hands; 8
 Let the hills sing for joy together;
 Before the LORD, for he cometh to judge the earth: 9
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with equity.

The LORD reigneth; let the peoples tremble: 99
 He ²sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be
 moved.

² Or, *dwellleth*
b. tween

The LORD is great in Zion; 2
 And he is high above all the peoples.
 Let them praise thy great and terrible name: 3
 Holy is he.

The king's strength also loveth judgement; 4
 Thou dost establish equity,
 Thou executest judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

- 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his footstool :
Holy is he.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call upon his name ;
They called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud :
They kept his testimonies, and the statute that he gave
them.
- 8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God :
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
- 9 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his holy hill ;
For the LORD our God is holy.

100

A Psalm ¹ of thanksgiving.

¹ Or,
*for the thank
offering*
² Heb. *all the
earth.*

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, ²all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness :
Come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God :
It is he that hath made us, ³and we are his ;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with ⁴thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise :
Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good ; his mercy *endureth* for ever ;
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

³ Another
reading is,
*and not we
ourselves.*
⁴ Or, *a thank
offering*

101

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will sing of mercy and judgement :
Unto thee, O LORD, will I sing praises.
- 2 I will ⁵behave myself wisely in a perfect way :
Oh when wilt thou come unto me ?
I will walk within my house ⁶with a perfect heart.
- 3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes :
I hate ⁷the work of them that turn aside ;
It shall not cleave unto me.
- 4 A froward heart shall depart from me :
I will know no ⁸evil thing.

⁵ Or, *give
heed unto the
perfect way*
⁶ Or, *in the
integrity of
my heart*
⁷ Or, *the
doing of un-
faithfulness*
⁸ Or,
evil person

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I 5
destroy:

Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will I
not suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that 6
they may dwell with me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister
unto me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: 7

He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established be-
fore mine eyes.

Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of 8
the land;

To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of
the LORD.

¹ Or, *fainteth*

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he ¹ is overwhelmed,
and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

102

Hear my prayer, O LORD, 1

And let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress: 2

Incline thine ear unto me;

In the day when I call answer me speedily.

² Or,
in smoke

For my days consume away ² like smoke, 3

³ Or,
as an hearth

And my bones are burned ³ as a firebrand.

My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; 4

For I forget to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning 5

My bones cleave to my flesh.

I am like a pelican of the wilderness; 6

I am become as an owl of the waste places.

I watch, and am become 7

Like a sparrow that is alone upon the housetop.

Mine enemies reproach me all the day; 8

They that are mad against me do curse by me.

For I have eaten ashes like bread, 9

And mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: 10

For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.

⁴ Or, *is
stretched out*

My days are like a shadow that ⁴ declineth; 11

And I am withered like grass.

- 12 But thou, O LORD, ¹ shalt abide for ever ;
 And thy memorial unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion :
 For it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set time
 is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
 And have pity upon her dust.
- 15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,
 And all the kings of the earth thy glory :
- 16 For the LORD hath built up Zion,
 He hath appeared in his glory ;
- 17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,
 And hath not despised their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to come :
 And a people which shall be created shall praise ² the LORD. ² Heb. *Jah.*
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his
 sanctuary ;
 From heaven did the LORD behold the earth ;
- 20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner ;
 To loose ³ those that are appointed to death ;
- 21 That men may declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
 And his praise in Jerusalem ;
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together,
 And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 ⁴ He weakened my strength in the way ;
 He shortened my days.
- 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of
 my days :
 Thy years are throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth ;
 And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure :
 Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ;
 As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be
 changed :
- 27 But thou art the same,
 And thy years shall have no end.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall continue,
 And their seed shall be established before thee.

¹ Or, *sittest*
 as king

³ Heb. *the*
children of
death.

⁴ Another
 reading is,
He afflicted
me with his
strength.

A Psalm of David.

103

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| | Bless the LORD, O my soul ; | 1 |
| | And all that is within me, <i>bless</i> his holy name. | |
| | Bless the LORD, O my soul, | 2 |
| | And forget not all his benefits : | |
| | Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; | 3 |
| | Who healeth all thy diseases ; | |
| ¹ Or, <i>the pit</i> | Who redeemeth thy life from ¹ destruction ; | 4 |
| | Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies : | |
| | Who satisfieth ² thy mouth with good things ; | 5 |
| | <i>So that</i> thy youth is renewed like the eagle. | |
| ² Or, <i>thy years</i> Or, <i>thy prime</i> Heb. <i>thine</i> <i>ornament.</i> | The LORD executeth righteous acts, | 6 |
| | And judgements for all that are oppressed. | |
| | He made known his ways unto Moses, | 7 |
| | His doings unto the children of Israel. | |
| | The LORD is full of compassion and gracious, | 8 |
| | Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. | |
| | He will not always chide ; | 9 |
| | Neither will he keep <i>his anger</i> for ever. | |
| | He hath not dealt with us after our sins, | 10 |
| | Nor rewarded us after our iniquities. | |
| | For as the heaven is high above the earth, | 11 |
| | So great is his mercy toward them that fear him. | |
| | As far as the east is from the west, | 12 |
| | So far hath he removed our transgressions from us. | |
| | Like as a father pitieth his children, | 13 |
| | So the LORD pitieth them that fear him. | |
| | For he knoweth our frame ; | 14 |
| | He remembereth that we are dust. | |
| | As for man, his days are as grass ; | 15 |
| | As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. | |
| | For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ; | 16 |
| | And the place thereof shall know it no more. | |
| | But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to ever- 17 | |
| | lasting upon them that fear him, | |
| | And his righteousness unto children's children ; | |
| | To such as keep his covenant, | 18 |
| | And to those that remember his precepts to do them. | |
| | The LORD hath established his throne in the heavens ; 19 | |

- And his kingdom ruleth over all.
 20 Bless the LORD, ye angels of his :
 Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
 Harkening unto the voice of his word.
 21 Bless the LORD, all ye his hosts ;
 Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
 22 Bless the LORD, all ye his works,
 In all places of his dominion :
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.

104 Bless the LORD, O my soul.

- O LORD my God, thou art very great ;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment ;
 Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :
 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ;
 Who maketh the clouds his chariot ;
 Who walketh upon the wings of the wind :
 4 Who maketh ¹winds his messengers ;
 His ministers a flaming fire :
 5 ²Who laid the foundations of the earth,
 That it should not be moved for ever.
 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture ;
 The waters stood above the mountains.
 7 At thy rebuke they fled ;
 At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away ;
 8 ³They went up by the mountains, they went down by
 the valleys,
 Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over ;
 That they turn not again to cover the earth.
 10 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys ;
 They run among the mountains :
 11 They give drink to every beast of the field ;
 The wild asses quench their thirst.
 12 By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,
 They ⁴sing among the branches.
 13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers :
 The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle.
 And herb for the ⁵service of man ;

¹ Or, *his*
angels winds

² Heb. *He*
founded the
earth upon
her bases.

³ Or, *(The*
mountains
rose, the
valleys sank
down ;)

⁴ Heb. *utter*
their voice.

⁵ Or, *labour*

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| ¹ Heb. <i>bread</i> . | That he may bring forth ¹ food out of the earth : | |
| | And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, | 15 |
| ² Heb. <i>To make his face to shine with oil</i> . | ² And oil to make his face to shine, And bread that strengtheneth man's heart. | |
| | The trees of the LORD are ³ satisfied ; | 16 |
| ³ See ver. 13. | The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ; Where the birds make their nests : | 17 |
| | As for the stork, the fir trees are her house. | |
| | The high mountains are for the wild goats ; | 18 |
| ⁴ See Lev. xi. 5. | The rocks are a refuge for the ⁴ conies. He appointed the moon for seasons : | 19 |
| | The sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night ; | 20 |
| | Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. | |
| | The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their meat from God. | 21 |
| | The sun ariseth, they get them away, And lay them down in their dens. | 22 |
| | Man goeth forth unto his work And to his labour until the evening. | 23 |
| | O LORD, how manifold are thy works ! In wisdom hast thou made them all : | 24 |
| ⁵ Or, <i>creatures</i> | The earth is full of thy ⁵ riches. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, Wherein are things creeping innumerable, Both small and great beasts. | 25 |
| | There go the ships ; | 26 |
| ⁶ Or, <i>play with him</i> See Job xli. 5. | There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to ⁶ take his pastime therein. | |
| | These wait all upon thee, That thou mayest give them their meat in due season. | 27 |
| | That thou givest unto them they gather ; | 28 |
| | Thou openest thine hand, they are satisfied with good. | |
| | Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ; | 29 |
| ⁷ Or, <i>gatherest in</i> | Thou ⁷ takest away their breath, they die, And return to their dust. | |
| | Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created ; And thou renewest the face of the ground. | 30 |
| | Let the glory of the LORD endure for ever ; | 31 |
| | Let the LORD rejoice in his works : Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ; | 32 |

- He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
 33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live :
 I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
 34 Let my meditation be sweet unto him :
 I will rejoice in the LORD.
 35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
 And let the wicked be no more.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

- 105 O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name ;
 Make known his doings among the peoples.
 2 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him ;
² Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
 3 Glory ye in his holy name :
 Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
 4 Seek ye the LORD and his strength ;
 Seek his face evermore.
 5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ;
 His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth ;
 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
 Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
 7 He is the LORD our God :
 His judgements are in all the earth.
 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,
 The word which he commanded to a thousand generations ;
 9 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
 And his oath unto Isaac ;
 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel for an everlasting covenant :
 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
 The ³ lot of your inheritance :
 12 When they were but a few men in number ;
 Yea, very few, and sojourners in it ;
 13 And they went about from nation to nation,
 From one kingdom to another people.
 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong ;
 Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes ;
 15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
 And do my prophets no harm.

² Or,
Meditate

³ Heb. *corā*,
 or, *line*.

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| | And he called for a famine upon the land ; | 16 |
| | He brake the whole staff of bread. | |
| | He sent a man before them ; | 17 |
| | Joseph was sold for a servant : | |
| | His feet they hurt with fetters ; | 18 |
| ¹ Heb. <i>His soul entered into the iron.</i> | ¹ He was laid in <i>chains</i> of iron : | |
| | Until the time that his word came to pass ; | 19 |
| | The word of the LORD tried him. | |
| | The king sent and loosed him ; | 20 |
| | Even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free. | |
| | He made him lord of his house, | 21 |
| | And ruler of all his substance : | |
| | To bind his princes at his pleasure, | 22 |
| ² Heb. <i>elders.</i> | And teach his ² senators wisdom. | |
| | Israel also came into Egypt ; | 23 |
| | And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. | |
| | And he increased his people greatly, | 24 |
| | And made them stronger than their adversaries. | |
| | He turned their heart to hate his people, | 25 |
| | To deal subtilly with his servants. | |
| | He sent Moses his servant, | 26 |
| | <i>And</i> Aaron whom he had chosen. | |
| ³ Some ancient versions have, <i>He.</i> | ³ They set among them ⁴ his signs, | 27 |
| ⁴ Heb. <i>the words of his signs.</i> | And wonders in the land of Ham. | |
| | He sent darkness, and made it dark ; | 28 |
| | And they rebelled not against his words. | |
| | He turned their waters into blood, | 29 |
| | And slew their fish. | |
| | Their land swarmed with frogs, | 30 |
| | In the chambers of their kings. | |
| | He spake, and there came swarms of flies, | 31 |
| | And ⁵ lice in all their borders. | |
| ⁵ See Ex. viii. 16. | He gave them hail for rain, | 32 |
| | <i>And</i> flaming fire in their land. | |
| | He smote their vines also and their fig trees ; | 33 |
| | And brake the trees of their borders. | |
| | He spake, and the locust came, | 34 |
| | And the cankerworm, and that without number, | |
| | And did eat up every herb in their land, | 35 |
| | And did eat up the fruit of their ground. | |
| | He smote also all the firstborn in their land, | 36 |

The ¹ chief of all their strength.

37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold :

And there was ² not one feeble person among his tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed ;

For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering ;

And fire to give light in the night.

40 They asked, and he brought quails,

And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out ;

They ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word,

And Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy,

And his chosen with singing.

44 And he gave them the lands of the nations ;

And they took the labour of the peoples in possession :

45 That they might keep his statutes,

And observe his laws.

³ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
beginning.
See Deut.
xxi. 17.

² Or, *none*
that stumbled

³ Heb.
Hallelujah.

106 ³ Praise ye the LORD.

O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD,

Or shew forth all his praise ?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgement,

And he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people ;

O visit me with thy salvation :

5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,

That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,

That I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,

We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt ;

They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies ;

But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, 8
 That he might make his mighty power to be known.
 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up : 9
 So he led them through the depths, as through a
¹ wilderness.
 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated 10
 them,
 And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
 And the waters covered their adversaries : 11
 There was not one of them left.
 Then believed they his words ; 12
 They sang his praise.
 They soon forgot his works ; 13
 They waited not for his counsel :
 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, 14
 And tempted God in the desert.
 And he gave them their request ; 15
 But sent leanness into their soul.
 They envied Moses also in the camp, 16
 And Aaron the ²saint of the LORD.
 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, 17
 And covered the company of Abiram.
 And a fire was kindled in their company ; 18
 The flame burned up the wicked.
 They made a calf in Horeb, 19
 And worshipped a molten image.
 Thus they changed their glory 20
 For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
 They forgot God their saviour, 21
 Which had done great things in Egypt ;
 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, 22
 And terrible things by the Red Sea.
 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, 23
 Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the
 breach,
 To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.
 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, 24
 They believed not his word ;
 But murmured in their tents, 25
 And hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

¹ Or,
pasture land

² Or,
holy one

- 26 Therefore he lifted up his hand unto them,
That he would ¹ overthrow them in the wilderness :
27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the
nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also unto ² Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings;
And the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinchas, and executed judgement :
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of ³ Meribah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :
33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the LORD commanded them ;
35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works :
36 And they served their idols ;
Which became a snare unto them :
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters
unto demons,
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons
and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan ;
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And went a whoring in their doings.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against
his people,
And he abhorred his inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations ;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their
hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them ;
But they were rebellious in their counsel.

¹ Heb. *make them fall.*

² See Num. xxv. 3.

³ Or, *strife*

And were brought low in their iniquity.
 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, 44
 When he heard their cry :
 And he remembered for them his covenant, 45
 And repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
 He made them also to be pitied 46
 Of all those that carried them captives.
 Save us, O LORD our God, 47
 And gather us from among the nations,
 To give thanks unto thy holy name,
 And to triumph in thy praise.
 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 48
 From everlasting even to everlasting.
 And let all the people say, Amen.
¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

BOOK V.

O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good : 107
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, 2
 Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adver-
 sary ;
 And gathered them out of the lands, 3
 From the east and from the west,
 From the north and ¹ from the south.
 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way ; 4
 They found no city of habitation.
 Hungry and thirsty, 5
 Their soul fainted in them.
 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, 6
 And he delivered them out of their distresses.
 He led them also by a straight way, 7
 That they might go to a city of habitation.
 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, 8
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men !

¹ Heb.
from the sea.

a

b

c

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he filleth with good.

a 10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour;
They fell down, and there was none to help.

b 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.

c 15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

a 17 Fools because of ¹their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.

b 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.

c 20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
And delivereth *them* from their ²destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.

a 23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD,
And his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths:

Their soul melteth away because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,

¹ Heb. *the way of their transgression.*

² Heb. *pits.*

¹ Heb. *all
their wisdom
is swallowed
up.*

And ¹are at their wits' end.
Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, 28
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, 29
So that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; 30

² Heb. *the
haven of their
desire.*

So he bringeth them unto ²the haven where they
would be.

c Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, 31

And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, 32

And praise him in the seat of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, 33

And watersprings into a thirsty ground;

A fruitful land into a salt desert, 34

For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water, 35

And a dry land into watersprings.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, 36

That they may prepare a city of habitation;

And sow fields, and plant vineyards, 37

And get them fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; 38

And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are minished and bowed down 39

Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes, 40

And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there
is no way.

Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction, 41

And maketh *him* families like a flock.

The upright shall see it, and be glad; 42

And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise shall give heed to these things, 43

And they shall consider the mercies of the LORD.

A Song, a Psalm of David.

108

³ See Ps.
lvii. 7-11.

³ My heart is fixed, O God; 1
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my glory.
Awake, psaltery and harp: 2

- ¹I myself will awake right early.
³I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the peoples :
 And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
⁴For thy mercy is great above the heavens,
 And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.
⁵Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens :
 And thy glory above all the earth.
⁶²That thy beloved may be delivered,
 Save with thy right hand, and answer ³us.
⁷God hath spoken in his holiness ; I will exult :
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
⁸Gilead is mine ; Manasseh is mine ;
 Ephraim also is the defence of mine head ;
 Judah is my ⁴sceptre.
⁹Moab is my washpot ;
⁵Upon Edom will I cast my shoe :
 Over Philistia will I shout.
¹⁰Who will bring me into the fenced city ?
⁶Who hath led me unto Edom ?
¹¹⁷Hast not thou cast us off, O God ?
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
¹²Give us help against the adversary :
 For vain is the ⁸help of man.
¹³Through God we shall do valiantly :
 For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

¹ Or, *I will awake the dawn*

² See Ps. 1x. 5-12.

³ Another reading is, *me*.

⁴ Or, *lawgiver*

⁵ Or, *Unto*

⁶ Or, *Who will lead me &c.*

⁷ Or, *Wilt not thou, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest ... hosts ?*

⁸ Heb. *salvation*.

109

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise ;
²For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit
 have they opened against me :
 They have spoken ⁹unto me with a lying tongue.
³They compassed me about also with words of hatred,
 And fought against me without a cause.
⁴For my love they are my adversaries :
 But I *give myself* unto prayer.
⁵And they have ¹⁰rewarded me evil for good,
 And hatred for my love.
⁶Set thou a wicked man over him :
 And let ¹¹an adversary stand at his right hand.

⁹ Or, *against*

¹⁰ Heb. *laid upon me*.

¹¹ Or, *Satan Or, an accuser*

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| | When he is judged, let him come forth guilty ; | 7 |
| ¹ Or, <i>become</i> | And let his prayer ¹ be turned into sin. | |
| | Let his days be few; | 8 |
| | <i>And</i> let another take his office. | |
| | Let his children be fatherless, | 9 |
| | And his wife a widow. | |
| | Let his children be vagabonds, and beg ; | 10 |
| ² Or, <i>far from</i> | And let them seek <i>their bread</i> ² out of their desolate places. | |
| ³ Heb, <i>snare</i> . | Let the extortioner ³ catch all that he hath ; | 11 |
| | And let strangers make spoil of his labour. | |
| ⁴ Or, <i>continue kindness</i> | Let there be none to ⁴ extend mercy unto him ; | 12 |
| | Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children. | |
| | Let his posterity be cut off ; | 13 |
| | In the generation following let their name be blotted out. | |
| | Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD ; | 14 |
| | And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. | |
| | Let them be before the LORD continually, | 15 |
| | That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. | |
| | Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, | 16 |
| | But persecuted the poor and needy man, | |
| | And the broken in heart, to slay <i>them</i> . | |
| | Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him ; | 17 |
| | And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him. | |
| | He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment, | 18 |
| | And it came into his inward parts like water, | |
| | And like oil into his bones. | |
| | Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he covereth himself, | 19 |
| | And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually. | |
| | This is the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, | 20 |
| | And of them that speak evil against my soul. | |
| | But deal thou with me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake : | 21 |
| | Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me, | |

- 22 For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
- 23 I am gone like the shadow when it ¹declineth :
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
- 24 My knees ²are weak through fasting ;
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
- 25 I am become also a reproach unto them :
When they see me, they shake their head.
- 26 Help me, O LORD my God ;
O save me according to thy mercy :
- 27 That they may know that this is thy hand ;
That thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28 Let them curse, but bless thou :
When they arise, they shall be ashamed, but thy servant
shall rejoice.
- 29 ³Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonour,
And let them cover themselves with their own shame
as with a mantle.
- 30 I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my
mouth ;
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
- 31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

¹ Or, *is stretched out*

² Or, *totter*

³ Or, *Mine adversaries shall be clothed . . . and they shall cover &c.*

⁴ Or, *stretch*
⁵ Heb. *are freewill offerings.*

⁶ Or, *in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness : from &c.*

⁷ Or, *army*
⁸ Or, *In holy attire*

According to another reading, *On the mountains of holiness.*

⁹ Or, *Thy youth are to thee as the dew*

¹⁰ Or, *manner*

¹¹ Or, *Hath stricken*

110

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD saith unto my lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- 2 The LORD shall ⁴send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion :
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people ⁵offer themselves willingly ⁶in the day of thy ⁷power :
- ⁸In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
⁹Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent,
Thou art a priest for ever
After the ¹⁰order of Melchizedek.
- 5 The Lord at thy right hand
¹¹Shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the nations,

6

¹ Or, The
places are
full of &c.

¹He ²shall fill *the places* with dead bodies;

² Or,
hath filled

He ³shall strike through the head ⁴in many countries.

³ Or, hath
stricken

He shall drink of the brook in the way:

7

Therefore shall he lift up the head.

⁴ Or, over a
wide land

⁵Praise ye the LORD.

111

⁵ Heb.
Hallelujah.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart,

In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great,

2

Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honour and majesty:

3

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

⁶ Heb. *prey.*

He hath given ⁶meat unto them that fear him:

5

He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works,

6

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are truth and judgement;

7

All his precepts are sure.

They are established for ever and ever,

8

⁷ Or, *made*

They are ⁷done in truth and uprightness.

He hath sent redemption unto his people;

9

He hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

10

⁸ Or,
Good repute

⁸A good understanding have all they that do ⁹thereafter:

⁹ Heb. *them.*

His praise endureth for ever.

⁵Praise ye the LORD.

112

Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,

That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth:

2

The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house:

3

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:

4

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and

5

lendeth;

He shall maintain his cause in judgement.

6 For he shall never be moved ;

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :

His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,

Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy ;

His righteousness endureth for ever :

His horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved ;

He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away :

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

113 ¹Praise ye the LORD.

Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,

Praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD

From this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same

The LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations,

And his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,

That hath his seat on high,

6 That humbleth himself ²to behold

The things that are in heaven and in the earth ?

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill ;

8 That he may set him with princes,

Even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,

And to be a joyful mother of children.

¹Praise ye the LORD.

114 When Israel went forth out of Egypt,

The house of Jacob from a people of strange language ;

2 Judah became his sanctuary,

Israel his dominion.

¹ Heb.
Hallelujah

² Or, *to*
regard the
heavens and
the earth.

The sea saw it, and fled ; 3
 Jordan was driven back.
 The mountains skipped like rams, 4
 The little hills like young sheep.
 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest ? 5
 Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back ?
 Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams ; 6
 Ye little hills, like young sheep ?
 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, 7
 At the presence of the God of Jacob ;
 Which turned the rock into a pool of water, 8
 The flint into a fountain of waters.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, 115
 But unto thy name give glory,
 For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
 Wherefore should the nations say, 2
 Where is now their God ?
 But our God is in the heavens : 3
 He hath done whatsoever he pleased.
 Their idols are silver and gold, 4
 The work of men's hands.
 They have mouths, but they speak not ; 5
 Eyes have they, but they see not ;
 They have ears, but they hear not ; 6
 Noses have they, but they smell not ;
 They have hands, but they handle not ; 7
 Feet have they, but they walk not ;
 Neither speak they through their throat.
 They that make them shall be like unto them ; 8
 Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD : 9
 He is their help and their shield.
 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the LORD : 10
 He is their help and their shield.
 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD : 11
 He is their help and their shield.
 The LORD hath been mindful of us ; he will bless us : 12
 He will bless the house of Israel ;
 He will bless the house of Aaron.
 He will bless them that fear the LORD, 13

Both small and great.

14 The LORD increase you more and more,
You and your children.

15 Blessed are ye of the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD ;
But the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not ¹the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence ;

¹ Heb. *Jah.*

18 But we will bless ¹the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.

²Praise ye the LORD.

² Heb.
Hallelujah.

116 I love the LORD, because he hath heard
My voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.

3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of ³Sheol ⁴gat hold upon me :
I found trouble and sorrow.

³ Or,
the grave

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD ;
O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

⁴ Or,
found me

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous ;
Yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple :
I was brought low, and he saved me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul ;
For the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD
In the ⁵land of the living.

⁵ Heb. *lands.*

10 ⁶I believe, for I will speak :
I was greatly afflicted :

⁶ Or, *I be-
lieved, when
I spake thus*

11 I said in my ⁷haste,
All men are ⁸a lie.

⁷ Or, *alarm*

12 What shall I render unto the LORD
For all his benefits toward me ?

⁸ Heb. *liars.*

13 I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD, 14
 Yea, in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD 15
 Is the death of his saints.
 O LORD, truly I am thy servant : 16
 I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid ;
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, 17
 And will call upon the name of the LORD.
 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, 18
 Yea, in the presence of all his people ;
 In the courts of the LORD's house, 19
 In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
¹ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb,
Hallelujah.

O praise the LORD, all ye nations; 117
 Laud him, all ye peoples.
 For his mercy is great toward us; 2
 And the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever.
¹ Praise ye the LORD.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good : 118
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 Let Israel now say, 2
 That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 Let the house of Aaron now say, 3
 That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 Let them now that fear the LORD say, 4
 That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
² Heb. *Jah.* Out of my distress I called upon ² the LORD : 5
² The LORD answered me *and set me* in a large place.
 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear : 6
 What can man do unto me ?
 The LORD is on my side among them that help me : 7
 Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that
 hate me.
 It is better to trust in the LORD 8
 Than to put confidence in man.
 It is better to trust in the LORD 9
 Than to put confidence in princes.
 All nations compassed me about : 10

In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:

In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.

12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:

In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.

13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall:

But the LORD helped me.

14 ¹The LORD is my strength and song;

¹ Heb. *Jah*.

And he is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous:

The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted:

The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of ¹the LORD.

18 ¹The LORD hath chastened me sore:

But he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:

I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto ¹the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD;

The righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast answered me,

And art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected

Is become the head of the corner.

23 ²This is the LORD's doing;

It is marvellous in our eyes.

² Heb. *This is from the LORD.*

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, we beseech thee, O LORD:

O LORD, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that ³cometh in the name of the LORD: ³ Or, *entereth*

We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 The LORD is God, and he hath given us light:

Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee : 28
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good : 29
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

N ALEPH.

119

¹ Or, *upright*
in way

Blessed are they that are ¹perfect in the way, 1
 Who walk in the law of the LORD.
 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, 2
 That seek him with the whole heart.
 Yea, they do no unrighteousness ; 3
 They walk in his ways.
 Thou hast commanded *us* thy precepts, 4
 That we should observe them diligently.
 Oh that my ways were established 5
 To observe thy statutes !
 Then shall I not be ashamed, 6
 When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart, 7
 When I learn thy righteous judgements.
 I will observe thy statutes : 8
 O forsake me not utterly.

B BETH.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ? 9
 By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
 With my whole heart have I sought thee : 10
 O let me not wander from thy commandments.
 Thy word have I laid up in mine heart, 11
 That I might not sin against thee.
 Blessed art thou, O LORD : 12
 Teach me thy statutes.
 With my lips have I declared 13
 All the judgements of thy mouth.
 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, 14
 As much as in all riches.
 I will meditate in thy precepts, 15
 And have respect unto thy ways.
 I will delight myself in thy statutes : 16
 I will not forget thy word.

י GIMEL.

- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live ;
 So will I observe thy word.
 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
 Wondrous things out of thy law
 19 I am a sojourner in the earth :
 Hide not thy commandments from me.
 20 My soul breaketh for the longing
 That it hath unto thy judgements at all times.
 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud ¹ that are cursed,
 Which do wander from thy commandments.
 22 Take away from me reproach and contempt ;
 For I have kept thy testimonies.
 23 Princes also sat and talked against me :
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
 24 Thy testimonies also are my delight
And ² my counsellors.

¹ Or, *Cursed
 are they
 which &c.*

² Heb. *the
 men of my
 counsel.*

י DALETH.

- 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust :
 Quicken thou me according to thy word.
 26 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me :
 Teach me thy statutes.
 27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts :
 So shall I meditate of thy wondrous works.
 28 My soul ³ melteth for heaviness :
 Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
 29 Remove from me the way of falsehood :
 And grant me thy law graciously.
 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness :
 Thy judgements have I set *before me*.
 31 I cleave unto thy testimonies :
 O LORD, put me not to shame.
 32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
 When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

³ Heb. *droppeth.*

י HE.

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes ;
 And I shall keep it unto the end.
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law ;
 Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments ; 35
 For therein do I delight.
 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, 36
 And not to covetousness.
 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, 37
 And quicken me in thy ways.
 Confirm thy word unto thy servant, 38
¹ Which *belongeth* unto the fear of thee.
 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid ; 39
 For thy judgements are good.
 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts : 40
 Quicken me in thy righteousness.

¹ Or, *Who* is
devoted to

† VAU.

Let thy mercies also come unto me, O LORD, 41
 Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth 42
 me ;
 For I trust in thy word.
 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my 43
 mouth ;
 For I have hoped in thy judgements.
 So shall I observe thy law continually 44
 For ever and ever.
 And I will walk at liberty ; 45
 For I have sought thy precepts.
 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings, 46
 And will not be ashamed.
 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, 47
 Which I have loved.
 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments, 48
 which I have loved ;
 And I will meditate in thy statutes.

† ZAIN.

Remember the word unto thy servant, 49
² Because thou hast made me to hope.
 This is my comfort in my affliction : 50
³ For thy word hath quickened me.
 The proud have had me greatly in derision : 51
 Yet have I not swerved from thy law.

² Or, *Wherein*

³ Or, *That*

52 I have remembered thy judgements of old, O LORD,
And have comforted myself.

53 ¹Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

¹ Or, *Horror*

54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night,
And have observed thy law.

56 This I have had,
²Because I kept thy precepts.

² Or, *That I have kept*

¶ CHETH.

57 ³The LORD is my portion :
I have said that I would observe thy words.

³ Or, *The LORD is my portion, have I said : that I may observe &c.*

58 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart :
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not,
To observe thy commandments.

61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round ;
But I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee
Because of thy righteous judgements.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that observe thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy :
Teach me thy statutes.

¶ TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgement and knowledge ;
For I have believed in thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray ;
But now I observe thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good ;
Teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me :
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease ;

But I delight in thy law.
 It is good for me that I have been afflicted ; 71
 That I might learn thy statutes.
 The law of thy mouth is better unto me 72
 Than thousands of gold and silver.

‘ JOD.

¹ Or, *established*
 Thy hands have made me and ¹fashioned me : 73
 Give me understanding, that I may learn thy com-
 mandments.
 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad ; 74
 Because I have hoped in thy word.
 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements are righteous, 75
 And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort, 76
 According to thy word unto thy servant.
 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live : 77
 For thy law is my delight.
 Let the proud be ashamed ; for they have overthrown 78
 me ²wrongfully :
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, 79
³And they shall know thy testimonies.
 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes ; 80
 That I be not ashamed.

² Or, *with falsehood*

³ Another reading is, *Even they that know.*

▷ CAPH.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation : 81
But I hope in thy word.
 Mine eyes fail for thy word, 82
 While I say, When wilt thou comfort me ?
⁴ Or, *wine-skin*
 For I am become like a ⁴bottle in the smoke ; 83
 Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
 How many are the days of thy servant ? 84
 When wilt thou execute judgement on them that per-
 secute me ?
 The proud have digged pits for me, 85
 Who are not after thy law.
 All thy commandments are faithful : 86
 They persecute me ²wrongfully ; help thou me.
 They had almost consumed me upon earth ; 87

But I forsook not thy precepts.

- 88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness ;
 So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

5 LAMED.

- 89 For ever, O LORD,
 Thy word is settled in heaven.
 90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations :
 Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
 91 ¹They abide this day according to thine ordinances ;
 For all things are thy servants.
 92 Unless thy law had been my delight,
 I should then have perished in mine affliction.
 93 I will never forget thy precepts ;
 For with them thou hast quickened me.
 94 I am thine, save me ;
 For I have sought thy precepts.
 95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me ;
But I will consider thy testimonies.
 96 I have seen an end of all perfection ;
But thy commandment is exceeding broad

¹ Or, *As for
thy judge-
ments, they
abide this
day*

7 MEM.

- 97 Oh how love I thy law !
 It is my meditation all the day.
 98 ²Thy commandments make me wiser than mine
 enemies ;
 For they are ever with me.
 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers ;
 For thy testimonies are my meditation.
 100 I understand more than the aged,
 Because I have kept thy precepts.
 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
 That I might observe thy word.
 102 I have not turned aside from thy judgements ;
 For thou hast taught me.
 103 How sweet are thy words unto my ³taste !
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth !
 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding :
 Therefore I hate every false way.

² Or, *Thou
through thy
command-
ments makest*

³ Heb. *palate*.

J NUN.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, 105
 And light unto my path.
 I have sworn, and have confirmed it, 106
 That I will observe thy righteous judgements.
 I am afflicted very much : 107
 Quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.
 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my 108
 mouth, O LORD,
 And teach me thy judgements.
 My soul is continually in my hand ; 109
 Yet do I not forget thy law.
 The wicked have laid a snare for me ; 110
 Yet went I not astray from thy precepts.
 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever ; 111
 For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes, 112
 For ever, even unto the end.

D SAMECH.

I hate them that are of a double mind ; 113
 But thy law do I love.
 Thou art my hiding place and my shield : 114
 I hope in thy word.
 Depart from me, ye evil-doers ; 115
 That I may keep the commandments of my God.
 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live ; 116
 And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe, 117
 And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.
 Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy 118
 statutes ;
 For their deceit is ¹falsehood.
 Thou ²puttest away all the wicked of the earth like 119
 dross :

¹ Or, vain² Heb.
causest to
cease.

Therefore I love thy testimonies.
 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; 120
 And I am afraid of thy judgements.

Y AIN.

I have done judgement and justice : 121
 Leave me not to mine oppressors.

- 122 Be surety for thy servant for good :
 Let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
 And for thy righteous word.
- 124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,
 And teach me thy statutes.
- 125 I am thy servant, give me understanding ;
 That I may know thy testimonies.
- 126 It is time for the LORD to work ;
For they have made void thy law.
- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments
 Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I esteem ¹all *thy* precepts concerning all
things to be right ;
 And I hate every false way.

¹ Or, as read
 by the Sept.,
 Syr. and
 Vulg., *all thy*
precepts to be
right

▷ PE.

- 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful :
 Therefore doth my soul keep them.
- 130 The opening of thy words giveth light ;
 It giveth understanding unto the simple.
- 131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted ;
 For I longed for thy commandments.
- 132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
 As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
- 133 Order my footsteps in thy word ;
 And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man :
 So will I observe thy precepts.
- 135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
 And teach me thy statutes.
- 136 Mine eyes run down with rivers of water,
 Because they observe not thy law.

✧ TZADE.

- 137 Righteous art thou, O LORD,
 And upright ²are thy judgements.
- 138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in right-
 eousness
 And very faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal hath ³consumed me,

² Or, *in thy*
judgements

³ Heb.
cut me off.

Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy words.

¹ Heb. *tried*,
or, *refined*.

Thy word is very ¹pure; 140

Therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: 141

Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, 142

And thy law is truth.

² Or,
found me

Trouble and anguish have ²taken hold on me: 143

Yet thy commandments are my delight.

Thy testimonies are righteous for ever: 144

Give me understanding, and I shall live.

פ KOPH.

I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O 145

LORD:

I will keep thy statutes.

I have called unto thee; save me, 146

And I shall observe thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: 147

I hoped in thy words.

Mine eyes prevented the night watches, 148

That I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: 149

Quicken me, O LORD, ³according to thy judgements.

³ Or, *as thou*
art wont

They draw nigh ⁴that follow after wickedness; 150

⁴ Or, *that*
persecute
me with
wickedness

They are far from thy law.

Thou art nigh, O LORD; 151

And all thy commandments are truth.

Of old have I known from thy testimonies, 152

That thou hast founded them for ever.

ר RESH.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me; 153

For I do not forget thy law.

Plead thou my cause, and redeem me: 154

Quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked; 155

For they seek not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: 156

Quicken me according to thy judgements.

Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries; 157

- Yet* have I not swerved from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the treacherous dealers, and ¹was grieved ; 1 Or,
loathed them
Because they observe not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts :
Quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 The sum of thy word is truth ;
And every one of thy righteous judgements *endureth*
for ever.

SHIN.

- 161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause ;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood ;
But thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgements.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law ;
And they have none occasion of stumbling.
166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O LORD,
And have done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies ;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies ;
For all my ways are before thee.

TAU.

- 169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD :
Give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee :
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 Let my lips utter praise ;
For thou teachest me thy statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of thy word ;
For all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let thine hand be ready to help me ;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD ;
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ;

And let thy judgements help me.
 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy 176
 servant;
 For I do not forget thy commandments.

A Song of Ascents.

120

In my distress I cried unto the LORD, 1
 And he answered me.
 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, 2
 And from a deceitful tongue.
 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall be done 3
 more unto thee,
 Thou deceitful tongue?
¹Sharp arrows of the mighty, 4
 With coals of ²juniper.
 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, 5
 That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
 My soul hath long had her dwelling 6
 With him that hateth peace.
 I am *for* peace: 7
 But when I speak, they are for war.

¹ Or, It is as
 the sharp
 arrows of the
 mighty man

² Or, broom

A Song of Ascents.

121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: 1
 From whence shall my help come?
 My help *cometh* from the LORD, 2
 Which made heaven and earth.
³He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: 3
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel 4
 Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 The LORD is thy keeper: 5
 The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
 The sun shall not smite thee by day, 6
 Nor the moon by night.
 The LORD shall keep thee from all evil; 7
 He shall keep thy soul.
 The LORD shall keep thy going out and thy coming in, 8
 From this time forth and for evermore.

³ Or, Let him
 not suffer ...
 let him not
 slumber that
 &c.

122

A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of the LORD.
- 2 Our feet ¹are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem ;
- 3 Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together :
- 4 Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of ²the LORD, ² Heb. *Jah*.
For a testimony unto Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
- 5 For there ³are set thrones for judgement,
The thrones of the house of David.
- 6 ⁴Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
⁵They shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now ⁶say, Peace be within thee.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God
I will seek thy good.

¹ Or, *have stood*³ Or, *were*⁴ Or, *Salute ye Jerusalem*⁵ Or, *May they*⁶ Or, *speak peace concerning thee*

123

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of
their master,
As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress ;
So our eyes *look* unto the LORD our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us :
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
- 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

124

A Song of Ascents ; of David.

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
Let Israel now say ;
- 2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
When men rose up against us :

Then they had swallowed us up alive, 3
 When their wrath was kindled against us :
 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, 4
 The stream had gone over our soul :
 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. 5
 Blessed be the LORD, 6
 Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the 7
 fowlers :
 The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
 Our help is in the name of the LORD, 8
 Who made heaven and earth.

A Song of Ascents.

125

They that trust in the LORD 1
 Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth
 for ever.
 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, 2
 So the LORD is round about his people,
 From this time forth and for evermore.
 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the 3
 lot of the righteous ;
 That the righteous put not forth their hands unto
 iniquity.
 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, 4
 And to them that are upright in their hearts.
 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, 5
 The LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of
 iniquity.
 Peace be upon Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

126

¹ Or, brought
 back those
 that returned
 to Zion

When the LORD ¹turned again the captivity of Zion, 1
 We were like unto them that dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, 2
 And our tongue with singing :
 Then said they among the nations,
 The LORD hath done great things for them.
 The LORD hath done great things for us ; 3
 Whereof we are glad.
 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, 4

As the streams in the South.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 Though he goeth on his way weeping, ¹bearing forth the seed; ¹ Or, bearing the measure of seed

He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves *with him.*

127

A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

1 Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it:
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you that ye rise up early, and so late take rest,

And eat the bread of toil:

For so he giveth unto his beloved ²sleep. ² Or, in sleep

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:
And the fruit of the womb is *his* reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

128

A Song of Ascents.

1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD,
That walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, in the innermost parts of thine house:

Thy children like olive plants, round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD ³shall bless thee out of Zion:

And ⁴thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. ³ Or, bless thee
⁴ Or, see thou

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children.

⁵Peace be upon Israel. ⁵ Or, And peace upon Israel

A Song of Ascents.

129

- ¹ Or, *Much* ¹Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up, 1
 Let Israel now say;
¹Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth 2
 up:
 Yet they have not prevailed against me.
 The plowers plowed upon my back; 3
 They made long their furrows.
 The LORD is righteous: 4
 He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
 Let them be ashamed and turned backward, 5
 All they that hate Zion.
 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, 6
 Which withereth afore it ²groweth up:
² Or, *be* Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand, 7
plucked up Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
 Neither do they which go by say, 8
 The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
 We bless you in the name of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

130

- Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. 1
 Lord, hear my voice: 2
 Let thine ears be attentive
 To the voice of my supplications.
³ Heb. *Jah.* If thou, ³LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, 3
 O Lord, who shall stand?
 But there is forgiveness with thee, 4
 That thou mayest be feared.
 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, 5
 And in his word do I hope.
 My soul *looketh* for the Lord, 6
 More than watchmen *look* for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
 O Israel, hope in the LORD; 7
 For with the LORD there is mercy,
 And with him is plenteous redemption.
 And he shall redeem Israel 8
 From all his iniquities.

131

A Song of Ascents; of David.

1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I ¹exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.

¹ Heb. *walk*.

2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
My soul is with me like a weaned child.

3 O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.

132

A Song of Ascents.

1 LORD, remember for David
All his affliction;

2 How he sware unto the LORD,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 Surely I will not come into the ²tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into ³my bed;

² Heb. *tent*.³ Heb. *the couch of my bed*.

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;

5 Until I find out a place for the LORD,
⁴A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

⁴ Heb. *Tabernacles*.

6 Lo, we heard of it in ⁵Ephrathah:

⁵ Or, *Ephraim*

We found it in the field of ⁶the wood.

⁶ Or, *Jaar*
See 1 Chr. xiii. 5.

7 We will go into his tabernacles;
We will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy resting place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn unto David in truth;
He will not turn from it:

Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant
And my testimony that I shall teach them,

Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my resting place for ever:

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| | Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it. | |
| ¹ Or, <i>surely</i> | I will ¹ abundantly bless her provision : | 15 |
| | I will satisfy her poor with bread. | |
| | Her priests also will I clothe with salvation : | 16 |
| | And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. | |
| ² Or, <i>a horn to spring forth unto David</i> | There will I make ² the horn of David to bud : | 17 |
| | I have ³ ordained a lamp for mine anointed. | |
| ³ Or, <i>prepared</i> | His enemies will I clothe with shame : | 18 |
| | But upon himself shall his crown flourish. | |

A Song of Ascents ; of David.

133

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| | Behold, how good and how pleasant it is | 1 |
| | For brethren to dwell together in unity ! | |
| | It is like the precious oil upon the head, | 2 |
| | That ran down upon the beard, | |
| | Even Aaron's beard ; | |
| ⁴ Or, <i>collar</i> | That came down upon the ⁴ skirt of his garments ; | 3 |
| | Like the dew of Hermon, | |
| | That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion : | |
| | For there the LORD commanded the blessing, | |
| | Even life for evermore. | |

A Song of Ascents.

134

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| | Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, 1 | |
| | Which by night stand in the house of the LORD. | |
| ⁵ Or, <i>in holiness</i> | Lift up your hands ⁵ to the sanctuary, | 2 |
| | And bless ye the LORD. | |
| | The LORD bless thee out of Zion ; | 3 |
| | Even he that made heaven and earth. | |

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| ⁶ Heb. <i>Hallelujah.</i> | ⁶ Praise ye the LORD. | 135 |
| | Praise ye the name of the LORD ; | |
| | Praise <i>him</i> , O ye servants of the LORD : | |
| | Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, | 2 |
| | In the courts of the house of our God. | |
| | Praise ye the LORD ; for the LORD is good : | 3 |
| | Sing praises unto his name ; for it is pleasant. | |
| ⁷ Heb. <i>Jah.</i> | For ⁷ the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, | 4 |
| | And Israel for his peculiar treasure. | |
| | For I know that the LORD is great, | 5 |
| | And that our Lord is above all gods. | |

- 6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that hath he done,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the
earth ;
He maketh lightnings for the rain ;
He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O
Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10 Who smote ¹many nations,
And slew mighty kings ;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan :
12 And gave their land for an heritage,
An heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever ;
Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
14 For the LORD shall judge his people,
And repent himself concerning his servants.
15 ²The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not ;
Eyes have they, but they see not ;
17 They have ears, but they hear not ;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them shall be like unto them ;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.
19 O house of Israel, bless ye the LORD :
O house of Aaron, bless ye the LORD :
20 O house of Levi, bless ye the LORD :
Ye that fear the LORD, bless ye the LORD.
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
³Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Or, *great*² See Ps. cxv.
4, &c.³ Heb.
Hallelujah.

136 O give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

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| O give thanks unto the God of gods : | 2 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : | 3 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him who alone doeth great wonders : | 4 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him that by understanding made the heavens : | 5 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him that spread forth the earth above the waters : | 6 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him that made great lights : | 7 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| The sun to rule by day : | 8 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| The moon and stars to rule by night : | 9 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn : | 10 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| And brought out Israel from among them : | 11 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm : | 12 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him which divided the Red Sea in sunder : | 13 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| And made Israel to pass through the midst of it : | 14 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| But ¹ overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea : | 15 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him which led his people through the wilderness : | 16 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever. | |
| To him which smote great kings : | 17 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| And slew famous kings : | 18 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| Sihon king of the Amorites : | 19 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| And Og king of Bashan : | 20 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| And gave their land for an heritage : | 21 |
| For his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever : | |
| Even an heritage unto Israel his servant : | 22 |

¹ Heb.
shook off.

- For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 23 Who remembered us in our low estate :
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
 24 And hath delivered us from our adversaries :
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 25 He giveth food to all flesh :
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
 For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

137 By the rivers of Babylon,

There we sat down, yea, we wept,
 When we remembered Zion.

2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof
 We hanged up our harps.

3 For there they that led us captive required of us ¹songs,
 And ²they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*,
 Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

¹ Heb. *words of song.*

² Or, *our tormentors*

4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song
 In a strange land ?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
 Let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 If I remember thee not ;
 If I prefer not Jerusalem
 Above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, against the children of Edom
 The day of Jerusalem ;
 Who said, Rase it, rase it,
 Even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, ³that art to be destroyed ;
 Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee
 As thou hast served us.

³ Or, *that art laid waste*

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little
 ones
 Against the rock.

138

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thee thanks with my whole heart:
 Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,

And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness
 and for thy truth :
 For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
 In the day that I called thou answeredst me, 3
 Thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul.
 All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks, O 4
 LORD,
 For they have heard the words of thy mouth.
 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD ; 5
 For great is the glory of the LORD.
 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto 6
 the lowly :
 But the haughty he knoweth from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt 7
 revive me ;
 Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath
 of mine enemies,
 And thy right hand shall save me.
 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me : 8
 Thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever ;
 Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

139

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. 1
 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, 2
 Thou understandest my thought afar off.
 Thou ¹searchest out my path and my lying down, 3
 And art acquainted with all my ways.
 For there is not a word in my tongue, 4
 But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
 Thou hast beset me behind and before, 5
 And laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ; 6
 It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
 Whither shall I go from thy spirit ? 7
 Or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?
 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there : 8
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.
 If I take the wings of the morning, 9
 And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;
 Even there shall thy hand lead me, 10

¹ Or,
winnowest

- And thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall ¹overwhelm me,
²And the light about me shall be night;
- 12 Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
 But the night shineth as the day:
 The darkness and the light are both alike *to thee*.
- 13 For thou hast ³possessed my reins:
 Thou hast ⁴covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and
 wonderfully made:
 Wonderful are thy works;
 And that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from thee,
 When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see mine unperfect substance,
 And in thy book ⁵were all *my members* written,
 Which day by day were fashioned,
 When as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than
 the sand:
 When I awake, I am still with thee.
- 19 ⁶Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:
 Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.
- 20 For they ⁷speak against thee wickedly,
 And thine enemies ⁸take *thy name* in vain.
- 21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?
 And ⁹am not I grieved with those that rise up against
 thee?
- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
 I count them mine enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:
 Try me, and know my thoughts:
- 24 And see if there be any way of ¹⁰wickedness in me,
 And lead me in the way everlasting.

¹ Or, *cover*² Or, *Then the night shall be light about me*³ Or, *formed*⁴ Or, *knit me together*⁵ Or, *they were all written, even the days that were ordained*⁶ Or, *Oh that thou wouldst slay*⁷ Or, *utter thy name (Heb. thee) Or, as otherwise read, rebel against thee*⁸ Or, *lift themselves up against thee for vanity*⁹ Or, *do not I loathe*¹⁰ Or, *grief*

140 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man;
 Preserve me from the violent man:

- Which imagine mischiefs in their heart ; 2
^{1 Or, stir up wars} Continually do they ¹gather themselves together for war.
- They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent ; 3
 Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah
 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked ; 4
 Preserve me from the violent man :
 Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.
 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords ; 5
 They have spread a net by the way side ;
 They have set gins for me. [Selah
- I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God : 6
 Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, 7
 Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked ; 8
 Further not his evil device ; lest they exalt themselves. [Selah
- As for the head of those that compass me about, 9
 Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
 Let burning coals fall upon them : 10
 Let them be cast into the fire ;
^{2 Or, floods} Into ²deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- ^{3 Heb. A man of tongue.} ³An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth : 11
 Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the 12
 afflicted,
 And the right of the needy.
 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name : 13
 The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

A Psalm of David.

141

- LORD, I have called upon thee ; make haste unto me : 1
 Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.
 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee ; 2
^{4 Or, oblation} The lifting up of my hands as the evening ⁴sacrifice.
 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth ; 3
 Keep the door of my lips.
 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, 4
 To be occupied in deeds of wickedness

With men that work iniquity :
And let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me, *it shall be* a kindness ;
And let him reprove me, *it shall be as* oil upon the
head ;

Let not my head refuse it :

¹For even in their ²wickedness shall my prayer
continue.

¹ Or, *For still
is my prayer
against their
wickedness*

6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock ;
And they shall hear my words ; for they are sweet.

² Or,
calamities

7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,
³Our bones are scattered at ⁴the grave's mouth.

³ According
to some
ancient
authorities,
Their.

8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord :
In thee do I put my trust ; ⁵leave not my soul
destitute.

⁴ Heb. *the
mouth of
Sheol.*

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.

⁵ Or, *pour
thou not out
my life*

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal ⁶escape.

⁶ Heb.
pass over.

142 Maschil of David, when he was in the cave ; a Prayer.

1 I cry with my voice unto the LORD ;
With my voice unto the LORD do I make supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him ;
I shew before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit ⁷was overwhelmed within me, thou ⁷Or, *fainted*
knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walk have they hidden a snare
for me.

4 ⁸Look on *my* right hand, and see ; for there is no man
that knoweth me :

⁸ According
to some
ancient
versions,
*I looked . . .
and saw &c.*

Refuge hath failed me ; no man careth for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD ;

I said, Thou art my refuge,

My portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry ; for I am brought very low :
Deliver me from my persecutors ; for they are stronger
than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks
unto thy name :

¹ Or, *crown
themselves
because of me*

The righteous shall ¹compass me about ;
For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

A Psalm of David.

143

Hear my prayer, O LORD ; give ear to my supplications : 1
In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
And enter not into judgement with thy servant ; 2
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; 3
He hath smitten my life down to the ground :
He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that
have been long dead.

² Or, *my
spirit
fainteth*

Therefore ²is my spirit overwhelmed within me ; 4
My heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old ; 5

I meditate on all thy doings :

I muse on the work of thy hands.

I spread forth my hands unto thee : 6

My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land. [Selah

Make haste to answer me, O LORD ; my spirit faileth : 7

Hide not thy face from me ;

Lest I become like them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning ; 8

For in thee do I trust :

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ;

For I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies : 9

³ Heb. *Unto
thee have I
hidden.*

³ I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will ; for thou art my God : 10

⁴ Or, *Let thy
good spirit
lead me*

⁴ Thy spirit is good ; lead me in ⁵ the land of upright-
ness.

⁵ Or, *a plain
country*

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake : 11

In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies, 12

And destroy all them that afflict my soul ;

For I am thy servant.

A Psalm of David.

144

Blessed be the LORD my rock, 1
Which teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight :

- 2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress.
 My high tower, and my deliverer ;
 My shield, and he in whom I trust ;
 Who subdueth my people under me.
- 3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him ?
 Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him ?
- 4 Man is like to ¹vanity :
 His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
- 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down :
 Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them ;
 Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.
- 7 Stretch forth thine hand from above ;
 Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
 Out of the hand of strangers ;
- 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God :
 Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
- 10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings :
 Who rescueth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
- 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of strangers,
 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
 And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth ;
 And our daughters as corner stones hewn after the fashion of a palace ;
- 13 *When* our garners are full, affording all manner of store ;
And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields ;
- 14 *When* our oxen are well laden ;
When there is no breaking in, and no ²going forth,
 And no outcry in our streets ;
- 15 Happy is the people, that is in such a case :
 Yea, happy is the people, whose God is the LORD.

¹ Heb.
a breath.

² Or, *sallying*

145

A Psalm of praise ; of David.

- 1 I will extol thee, my God, O King ;
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee ; 2
 And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised ; 3
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 One generation shall laud thy works to another, 4
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.
 Of the glorious majesty of thine honour, 5
 And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts ; 6
 And I will declare thy greatness.
 They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness, 7
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.
 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ; 8
 Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
 The LORD is good to all ; 9
 And his tender mercies are over all his works.
 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O LORD ; 10
 And thy saints shall bless thee.
 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, 11
 And talk of thy power ;
 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, 12
 And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, 13
 And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, 14
 And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
 The eyes of all wait upon thee ; 15
 And thou givest them their meat in due season.
 Thou openest thine hand, 16
 And ¹satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, 17
 And gracious in all his works.
 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, 18
 To all that call upon him in truth.
 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ; 19
 He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
 The LORD preserveth all them that love him ; 20
 But all the wicked will he destroy.
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD ; 21
 And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and
 ever.

¹ Or, *satisfiest every living thing with favour*

146 ¹Praise ye the LORD.¹ Heb.
Hallelujah.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD :

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes,

Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth ;

In that very day his ²thoughts perish.² Or,
purposes

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God :

6 Which made heaven and earth,

The sea, and all that in them is ;

Which keepeth truth for ever :

7 Which executeth judgement for the oppressed ;

Which giveth food to the hungry :

The LORD looseth the prisoners ;

8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind ;

The LORD raiseth up them that are bowed down ;

The LORD loveth the righteous ;

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers ;

He upholdeth the fatherless and widow ;

But the way of the wicked he ³ turneth upside down.³ Or, *maketh crooked*

10 The LORD shall reign for ever,

Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

¹Praise ye the LORD.**147** ¹Praise ye the LORD ;⁴For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;For it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem ;

He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart,

And bindeth up their ⁵wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars ;

He giveth them all their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power ;

His understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD upholdeth the meek :

He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving ;

⁴ Or, *For he is good : sing praises unto our God, for he is gracious*⁵ Heb.
sorrows.

Sing praises upon the harp unto our God :
 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, 8
 Who prepareth rain for the earth,
 Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
 He giveth to the beast his food, 9
 And to the young ravens which cry.
 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse : 10
 He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, 11
 In those that hope in his mercy.
 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ; 12
 Praise thy God, O Zion.
 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ; 13
 He hath blessed thy children within thee.
¹ He maketh peace in thy borders ; 14
 He filleth thee with the ² finest of the wheat.
 He sendeth out his commandment upon earth ; 15
 His word runneth very swiftly.
 He giveth snow like wool ; 16
 He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
 He casteth forth his ice like morsels : 17
 Who can stand before his cold ?
 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : 18
 He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, 19
 His statutes and his judgements unto Israel.
 He hath not dealt so with any nation : 20
 And as for his judgements, they have not known them.
³ Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb. *He maketh thy border peace.*
² Heb. *fat of wheat.*

³ Heb.
Hallelujah.

³ Praise ye the LORD. 148
 Praise ye the LORD from the heavens :
 Praise him in the heights.
 Praise ye him, all his angels : 2
 Praise ye him, all his host.
 Praise ye him, sun and moon : 3
 Praise him, all ye stars of light.
 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, 4
 And ye waters that be above the heavens.
 Let them praise the name of the LORD : 5
 For he commanded, and they were created.

- 6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever :
 He hath made a decree ¹which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
 Ye ²dragons, and all deeps :
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour ;
 Stormy wind, fulfilling his word :
- 9 Mountains and all hills ;
 Fruitful trees and all cedars :
- 10 Beasts and all cattle ;
 Creeping things and flying fowl :
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples ;
 Princes and all judges of the earth :
- 12 Both young men and maidens ;
 Old men and children :
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD ;
 For his name alone is exalted :
 His glory is above the earth and heaven.
- 14 And he hath lifted up ³the horn of his people,
 The praise of all his saints ;
 Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.
⁴Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Or, *which none shall transgress*

² Or, *sea-monsters*
 Or, *waterspouts*

³ Or, *a horn for his people, a praise for all his saints; even for &c.*

⁴ Heb. *Hallelujah.*

149 ⁴Praise ye the LORD.

- Sing unto the LORD a new song,
 And his praise in the assembly of the saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :
 Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance :
 Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people :
 He will beautify the meek with ⁵salvation.
- 5 Let the saints exult in glory :
 Let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their ⁶mouth,
 And a two-edged sword in their hand ;
- 7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,
 And punishments upon the peoples ;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains,
 And their nobles with fetters of iron ;
- 9 To execute upon them the judgement written :

⁵ Or, *victory*

⁶ Heb. *throat.*

¹ Or, *He is
the honour of
all his saints*

² Heb.
Hallelujah.

¹This honour have all his saints.

²Praise ye the LORD.

²Praise ye the LORD.

150

Praise God in his sanctuary :

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts :

2

Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :

3

Praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance :

4

Praise him with stringed instruments and the pipe.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals :

5

Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise ³the LORD.

6

²Praise ye the LORD.

³ Heb. *Jah.*

APPENDIX.

The American Old Testament Revision Company, while recognizing the cordial acceptance given to many of their suggestions, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as of sufficient importance to be appended to the Revision in accordance with the original agreement.

THE PSALMS.

- II. 1 For "imagine" read "meditate" and omit marg.⁴ So in xxxviii. 12.
- V. 7 For "multitude" read "abundance" So in lxix. 13;
Ezek. xxviii. 16; Hos. ix. 7; x. 1.
- 8 For "plain" read "straight" and add marg. Or, *level*
- IX. 17 For "return to" read "be turned back unto"
- X. 14 Read "to requite it *with thy hand*" and put the present text in the marg.
- XII. 2 For "vanity" read "falsehood"
- 5 For "for" read "because of" (twice)
- XVI. 2 For "I have said" read "*O my soul, thou hast said*"
- 4 Substitute the marg. ("*give gifts for*") for the text.
- 10 Add to marg.⁵ "*Another reading is, holy ones*"
- XVII. 7 Restore the rendering of the Auth. Vers.
- 9 For "spoil" read "oppress"
- 15 For "with thy likeness" read "with *beholding thy form*" and omit "Heb. *form*" from marg.⁸
- XVIII. 7 For "moved" read "quaked"
- XXI. 3 For "preventest" read "meetest"
- XXII. 8 2nd line; for "deliver" read "rescue"
- 10 Read "Thou art my God since my mother bare me."
- 16 For marg.¹ substitute "Or, *Like a lion*"
- 20 Add in marg. "Or, *dear life*" So in xxxv. 17.
- XXIV. 6 Substitute marg.⁶ ("*even Jacob*") for the text.
- XXVI. 4 For "vain persons" read "men of falsehood"

- XXVIII. 9 For "Feed them" read "Be their shepherd"
- XXX. 4 Read "to his holy memorial *name*" and omit marg.² except "See Ex. iii. 15." So and with the same margin in xcvi. 12, and in Hos. xii. 5.
- 5 Let marg.³ ("*His favour is for a life time*") and the text exchange places.
- XXXIII. 5 For "judgement" read "justice" So in lxxxix. 14; xcvi. 2; xcix. 4 (twice); Prov. i. 3; ii. 8, 9; xxi. 7, 15; Is. i. 27; v. 7; x. 2; xxviii. 17; xxxii. 1, 16; xxxiii. 5; lix. 8, 9, 11, 14, 15; lxi. 8; Jer. iv. 2; ix. 24.
- XXXV. 15 For "when I halted" read "in mine adversity" and add marg. Heb. *my limping*
- XXXVII. 3 Read "feed on *his* faithfulness" and put in marg. "Or, *verily thou shalt be fed*"
- 20 Let the marg. ("*the fat of lambs*") and the text exchange places.
- 37 Read "there is a *happy* end to the man of peace" and omit marg.³
- 38 For "The latter end" read "The end"
- XXXVIII. 8 For "roared" read "groaned" and add marg. Heb. *roared*
- 17 For "halt" read "fall" So for "halting" in Jer. xx. 10.
- XLI. 6 Substitute marg.⁶ ("*falsehood*") for the text.
- XLII. 5 For "health" read "help" So in ver. 11 and in xliii. 5.
- XLIV. 2 Read "but them thou didst plant;" "but them thou didst spread abroad." Omit marg.⁴
- XLVII. 4 For "excellency" read "glory"
- XLIX. 8 For "soul" read "life"
- For "And must be let alone" read "And it faileth"
- 10 For "together" read "alike"
- 12 Substitute the marg. ("*being in honour abideth not*") for the text.
- L. 23 For "conversation" read "way"
- LI. 11 For "spirit" read "Spirit"
- 12 Substitute marg.³ ("*willing*") for the text.
- LII. 9 For "wait on" read "hope in"
- LVI. 4 Read "In God, (I will praise his word)," So in ver. 10.
- 10 2nd line; read "In Jehovah, (I will praise his word),"
- LVIII. 2 For "Yea" read "Nay"
- 9 For marg. on "He shall take" substitute Or, *Wrath shall take them away while living as with a whirlwind*
- LIX. 9 Read "Because of his strength"
- 10 Read "My God with his lovingkindness shall meet me"

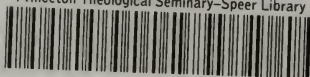
- LXII. 1 For "only upon God" read "in silence for God only"
So in ver. 5.
3 For "bowing" read "leaning"
4 For "excellency" read "dignity"
- LXIII. 1 For "early" read "earnestly" and omit marg.¹ So in
Is. xxvi. 9.
- LXV. 3 For "purge them away" read "forgive them" and add
marg. "Or, *expiate*" So in lxxix. 9 read "forgive our
sins" with the same marg.
4 For "The holy place of thy temple" read "Thy holy
temple"
- LXVII. 2 For "saving health" read "salvation"
- LXVIII. 1 Add marg. to "Let God arise" "Or, *God ariseth*: and
so throughout verses 1, 2, 3."
8 For "*Even yon Sinai*" read "That Sinai"
13 Read "When ye lie among the sheepfolds, *It is as the*
wings" etc. and substitute the present text for marg.³
18 For "led *thy* captivity captive" read "led away
captives"
20 Read "belongeth escape from death"
23 Read "That thou mayest crush *them, dipping*"
33 For "heavens of heavens" read "heaven of heavens"
- LXXIII. 10 For "wrung out" read "drained" and omit marg.⁹
27 For "from thee" read "*departing* from thee"
- LXXIV. 6 Omit "together"
- LXXV. 8 For "wring them out" read "drain them" and omit
marg.⁴
- LXXVI. 5 For "spoiled" read "become a spoil"
- LXXVII. 10 Marg.² For "*That the*" read "*This is my grief that the*"
- LXXIX. 8 For "prevent" read "meet"
- LXXXIX. 37 Omit all after "*for ever*" in marg.⁴
- XC. 9 Substitute "sigh" from marg.¹ for "tale *that is told*"
17 For "beauty" read "favour" and put the present text in
the margin.
- XCII. 13 Read "They are . . . Jehovah;" and for "Shall" read
"They shall"
- XCIII. 1 For "apparelled" read "clothed" (twice) and read in the
second line, "Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath
girded himself therewith"
- XCVII. 5 For "hills" read "mountains"
- CII. 12 For "memorial" read "memorial *name*" and add marg.
"See Ex. iii. 15." So in cxxv. 13.
- CIII. 5 For "mouth" read "desire"

- CIV. 4 2nd line; read "Flames of fire his ministers :"
 8 Read "(The mountains rose, the valleys sank ;)" substituting the present text for marg.³
 16 For "satisfied" read "filled *with moisture*" and omit marg.³
 25 For "Yonder" read "There"
- CV. 34 For "cankerworm" read "grasshopper"
- CVII. 30 Read "their desired haven." and omit marg.²
- CX. 2 Add marg. to "rod" Or, *sceptre*
 3 Read "in the day of thy power, in holy attire; out of the womb" etc. and omit marg.⁶ and marg.⁸
- CXI. 10 For "thereafter" read "*his commandments*"
- CXVI. 1 For "hath heard" read "heareth"
- CXIX. 38 For "thy word unto thy servant" read "unto thy servant thy word"
 For "*belongeth*" read "*is in order*"
- 121 For "judgement and justice" read "justice and righteousness"
- 147, 148 For "prevented" read "anticipated"
- 153 Omit "dealers"
- CXXII. 4 For "a testimony unto Israel" read "an ordinance for Israel" and add marg. Heb. *testimony*
- CXXVI. 1 Substitute marg.¹ ("*brought back*" etc.) for the text.
- CXXX. 6 For "*looketh*" read "*waiteth*"
 2nd line; for "watchmen *look*" read "watchmen *wait*"
- CXXXV. 4 For "his peculiar treasure" read "his own possession"
- CXXXIX. 13 For "hast possessed" read "didst form" and omit marg.³
 For "hast covered" read "didst cover"
- 16 For "unperfect" read "unformed"
- 22 For "I count them" read "They are become"
- CXLIII. 2 Read "no man living is righteous."
- CXLIV. 7 For "strangers" read "aliens" So in ver. 11.
 8 For "vanity" read "deceit" So in ver. 11.

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